

Press release
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Wine Legend – Château Palmer is rolling out Château Palmer 2015 in the spring of 2018

In the distinguished family of Grand Crus Classés of the Médoc, Château Palmer holds a place all its own. Firstly, for its history, which saw it traverse the upheavals of the 18th century under one Madame De Gasq-Ferrière, before coming into the hands of a British major general in the 19th century – Charles Palmer. Secondly, for its exceptional terroir, a plateau of Pyrenean gravel from the Günz period perched atop the rises of Margaux, overlooking the Gironde estuary. And finally, for the decidedly distinctive style of its wine. One which has delighted connoisseurs around the world, embodying a unique assemblage of power and complexity, aromatic elegance and velvety texture.



If Château Palmer is unique, it's also thanks to the vision of its director, Thomas Duroux, supported by the two families who own the Château and by the estate's entire team, for whom a truly great wine must encapsulate not only an immense savoir-faire, but also the deepest respect of nature.

A simple visit to the estate provides cheerful confirmation of that conviction: with meticulous, daily care, and untainted by synthetic chemicals, the vineyards are thriving today amidst a wide diversity of plant and animal life, which both enriches and strengthens the entire estate.

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From the earthworms who work the soil, to the sheep who trim the grass between the vine rows, every living thing throughout the domain contributes to the birth of exceptional grapes – the sine qua non of great wine.

Since the extraordinary 1945, the vintages ending in 5 have proven themselves to be of outstanding quality, and 2015 is no exception to the rule.



Now, after having been bottled last summer at the conclusion of a long period of barrel ageing, this nectar will at last be released in spring 2018.



“Château Palmer 2015” will be a wine to savour through time, with an ageing potential sure to rank it among the greatest vintages of this third millennium.

About Château Palmer 2015

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Since 1945, only the 1965 vintage wasn't up to the quality of the vintages ending in 5. So we were "statistically" expecting an excellent harvest in 2015. And we haven't been disappointed... The beginning of the vine's growing season was characterised by a relatively dry climate. The vegetative development was extremely regular and the flowering conditions perfect. The rainfall that followed the fertilisation of the flowers enabled good berry growth. At the end of June, temperatures rose and the dry weather settled, favouring an early end to vegetative growth, the thickening of the skins of the berries, the concentration of the tannins and the rapid growth of the pips. From the end of July, the weather conditions changed radically as we were faced with a succession of rainy periods of moderate intensity. At first, the rain triggered the beginning of the véraison (grape ripening), which was quick and homogenous in its second part, after a very slow start. Additionally, the grapes developed to reach a more classic size. The Margaux appellation enjoyed especially favourable weather conditions throughout September. With only 30 mm of rainfall, Margaux was the driest part of the Médoc. We harvested a few young vines of Merlot on 15th September, but the harvest started in earnest on 22nd September. The Merlot were magnificent, aromatic and beautifully ripe. The Cabernet Sauvignon and the Petit Verdot followed, and were just as promising. The 2015 harvest came to a close on 7th October. The relatively high alcoholic content of the 2015 vintage is balanced out by a dense tannic structure without any rustic notes, thanks to perfect phenolic maturity of the pips and skins. At this time, this outstanding balance leads us to believe that 2015 will be in line with recent great vintages, such as 2010, 2009 and 2005.

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Merlot: 44 %

Cabernet sauvignon: 50 %

Petit verdot: 6 %

HARVEST DATES

22/09/2015 to 07/10/2015

AGEING POTENTIAL

2030 - 2070



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