

# CHÂTEAU HAUT-MAURAC 2011

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## GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATION

Located in the district of Saint-Yzans, Chateau Haut-Maurac faces the Gironde estuary, similar to the best hillsides in Medoc. 22 hectares extend across the slope of Mazails overlooking the river and 6 hectares are situated on the Martinet plateau.

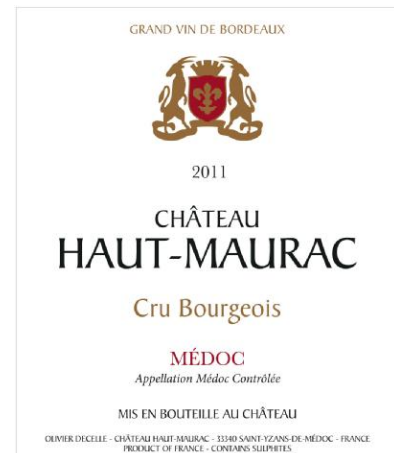
## APPELLATION

Medoc, Cru Bourgeois.

## TERROIR

The close proximity to the river producing a special micro-climate, combined with a rare soil laden with gravel from the Garonne, have created one of the greatest terroirs in the Medoc area.

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## GRAPE VARIETIES

60% Merlot, 35% Cabernet-sauvignon, 5% Malbec.

## SURFACE AREA

24 ha in production

## AGE OF VINES

35 years

## DENSITY

6,200 vinestock/ha

## YIELD

40 hl/ha

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## VITICULTURE

Single guyot pruning is used for the young vine-stock and mixed pruning for the older ones. De-budding, vine and leaf trimming.

Working of the soil between the vines. Environmental friendly growing. Green harvesting.

## THE 2011 HARVEST

The excellent draining of the Garonne-pebble terroirs of Château Haut-Maurac allowed the vineyard to weather the rain in early September. The harvest was left on the vines until the beginning of October. As a result, it benefited from the return of Indian summer-like conditions and was able to reach a high level of maturity.

**The Merlot wines are flavorsome and very fruity, whereas the Cabernet Sauvignon offerings are strong and floral.**

## VINIFICATION

Sorting of the bunches on the vines, sorting of the grapes at the entrance of the cellar. Fermentation in thermo-regulated vats. Punching of the cap between 1050 and 1015 – Release. Gentle pumping over during the fermentation period.

## MATURING

18-month maturing – 20% in vats, 80% in oak barrels, including a quarter in new oak.

## PRODUCTION

90,000 bottles.