CHÂTEAU VILLARS 2002

COMMUNE: Saillans

APPELLATION: Fronsac

VINEYARD SURFACE: 20 hectares

PRODUCTION: 66.000 bottles

SOIL: Clay and limestone

AGE OF VINEYARD: 38 years

GRAPE VARIETIES: 70 % Merlot Noir

19 % Cabernet Franc

11 % Cabernet Sauvignon

VINIFICATION: Manual harvest from September 30 to October 9

Traditional 25-day maceration with twice-daily pump-overs

Fermentation temperature: 30 °C

MATURATION: 100 % barrel-aged for 12 months, 30 % new oak

Origin of oak: Allier

Fined with fresh egg whites, unfiltered

Bottled in March 2004

CHARACTERISTICS: Guide Hachette 2006 **

> "At the head of the estate since 1967, Jean-Claude Gaudrie has been a driving force amongst his peers. In this challenging vintage he has succeeded in producing a remarkable wine of 70 % Merlot and 30 % Cabernet. Its dense and shiny robe, almost black in colour, precedes a complex bouquet of truffle, underwood and licorice, enhanced by notes of ripe fruit. Savoury tannins, gentle on the attack, then ample, balanced, elegant. A wine for connaisseurs, to be enjoyed with

venison in three to six years. "

Gold Medal at the Contest of Independent Vintners 2005

FOOD MATCHES: Duck with olives, Stuffed and braised rabbit, Filet mignon with figs

Serving temperature: 16 °C

Peak: 2008 to 2015

