CHÂTEAU VILLARS 2012

COMMUNE: Saillans

APPELLATION: Fronsac

VINEYARD SURFACE: 20 hectares

PRODUCTION: 64,000 bottles

SOIL: Clay and limestone

AGE OF VINEYARD: 34 years

GRAPE VARIETIES: 76 % Merlot Noir

21 % Cabernet Franc 3 % Cabernet Sauvignon

VINIFICATION: Manual harvest from October 1st to October 16th.

Traditional 24-day maceration with twice-daily pump-over

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Fermentation temperature: 28 °C

MATURATION: 100 % barrel-aged for 12 months, 40% new oak

Bottled on April, 11th, 2014.

CHARACTERISTICS: Guide Hachette 2016*

In 1991, Thierry Gaudrie came back to the family estate after working as an oenology consultant in the area of Blaye. He contributed a lot to making a model out of this winery of 30 ha, which had been in the family for two

centuries.

This vintage which was aged in barrels (with 40% new oak), consists of Merlot (76%) and some Cabernet Franc as well as a pinch of Cabernet Sauvignon. Deep red colour. The nose opens as you air the wine, and shows us floral, peppery and slightly toasted notes. After a smooth and fine first impression in the mouth, the palate presents a good tannin structure with spicy and roasted aromas.

Nice, long lasting final.

TASTING: Serving temperature: 16 °C

Drinking window: 2016 to 2024