

Duo

DE CONSEILLANTE

2012



Surface area: 11,8 hectares
Owner: Famille Nicolas
Managers: Dr Bertrand Nicolas & Jean-Valmy Nicolas
Director: Marielle Cazaux



Soil compositions: 60% grey clay & 40% sandy gravel
Grape varieties: 80% merlot & 20% cabernet franc
Average age of the vines: 35 years



Harvest: merlot 27/09 au 05/10 - cabernet franc 05/10 and 07/10 (by hand, in low-capacity, open trays)
Winemaking : Pre-fermentary cold-maceration for 3 days, vatted for 30 days



Vats : 22 epoxy coated concrete tanks, fully temperature controlled
Ageing : 65% new barrels, 35% one year old barrels
Length : 18 months



2012 is a year which clearly favoured early growth and ripening. The vineyards which were the first to be harvested produced better wines than those that were picked later. The Pomerol plateau had a distinct advantage over many other appellations.



2012 Duo de Conseillante has great fruit concentration. It is a very wellbalanced wine with silky tanins and beautiful length.



2012 figures:

Blend:

90% merlot & 10% cabernet franc

Yield: 39 hl/ha

Alcohol: 13