

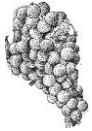
# Duo

## DE CONSEILLANTE

### 2021



Surface area: 11,8 hectares  
Owners: SC des Héritiers Nicolas  
General Managers: Dr Bertrand Nicolas & Jean-Valmy Nicolas  
Managing Director: Marielle Cazaux



Soil composition: 60% grey clay & 40% sandy gravel  
Grape varieties: 80% Merlot & 20% Cabernet Franc  
Average age of the vines: 35 years



Harvest: Merlot, from 28/09 to 01/10 - Cabernet Franc, on 06/10 and 12/09 (by hand in small crates).  
Vinification: A 5-day cold soak, a 27-day vatting period



Vats: 22 fully temperature-controlled epoxy-lined concrete vats.  
Ageing: 50% new barrels, 50% second-fill barrels  
Ageing time: 16 months



The mild weather of February and March gave the starting point to the vines to wake up earlier than usual. To protect the vineyard from frost, the team lit up candles for two nights in a row and was able to avoid damages. The rainfall in June combined with a nice thaw required constant discipline from our team to preserve the healthy condition of the vines. This requirement continued throughout summer: while the months of July and August were marked by a drop in precipitation, they were above all cooler than the ten-year averages. This summer of 2021 will therefore have been marked by an unusual grape ripening cycle. As is often the case in Bordeaux, the end of summer and the beginning of autumn proved beneficial: the month of September was less humid and warmer than usual, while the month of October turned out to be a little cooler but definitely drier than normal. These two months, during which we continued to pay scrupulous attention to the conditions of the vines, enabled us to keep the grapes in very good conditions until the harvest.



With its proportion of Cabernet Franc, Duo de Conseillante 2021 is a very aromatic wine with great freshness. On the nose, aromas of red fruits mingle with notes of crushed raspberries, peonies and spices. The palate is silky, creamy and tense offering a seductive and radiant wine. Drink between 2024 and 2034.



#### 2021 technical data:

Blend:

90% Merlot & 10% Cabernet Franc

Yield: 39 hl/ha

Alcoholic degree: 13°

Total acidity: 3,42 g/L

pH: 3,59