

# CHÂTEAU PALMER

## MARGAUX



In 1814, General Charles Palmer purchased the wine estate of Madame de Gascq, and subsequently gave it his name. Two hundred years later, Chateau Palmer continues to write its own history from one vintage to the next.

“Since 1945, only the 1965 vintage wasn’t up to the quality of the vintages ending in 5. So we were “statistically” expecting an excellent harvest in 2015. And we haven’t been disappointed... The beginning of the vine’s growing season was characterized by a relatively dry climate. At the end of June, temperatures rose and the dry weather settled, favoring an early end to vegetative growth, the thickening of the skins of the berries, the concentration of the tannins and the rapid growth of the pips. From the end of July, the weather conditions changed radically as we were faced with a succession of rainy periods of moderate intensity. At first, the rain triggered the beginning of the

véraison, which was quick and homogenous in its second part, after a very slow start. With only 30 mm of rainfall, Margaux was the driest part of the Medoc. We harvested a few young vines of Merlot on September 15th, but the harvest started in earnest on September 22nd. The Merlot were magnificent, aromatic and beautifully ripe. The Cabernet Sauvignon and the Petit Verdot followed, and were just as promising. The 2015 harvest came to a close on October 7th. The relatively high alcoholic content of the 2015 vintage is balanced out by a dense tannic structure without any rustic notes, thanks to perfect phenolic maturity of the pips and skins. At this time, this outstanding balance leads us to believe that 2015 will be in line with recent great vintages, such as 2010, 2009 and 2005.”

**Blend:** 44% Merlot, 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot

**Harvest Dates:** 09/22/2015 to 10/07/2015

*“I am breathless with the dark-berry, lavender and burnt-orange aromas. Some salt. Just so formidable and deep. Stunningly sexy on the palate with a density and power, yet it leaves things so clean and bright. You want to drink it and enjoy it now, but it has the structure to last forever. Drink in 2022.”*

**100 pts — James Suckling, February 2018**

*“One of the gems in Margaux is unquestionably the 2015 Palmer. Possessing more elegance and purity, as well as concentration, than the Alter Ego, it offers up a gorgeous bouquet of crème de cassis, caramelized cherries, charcoal, and graphite, with just a hint of spring flowers in the background. A final blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot and 6% Petit Verdot that was brought up in 70% new oak, this full-bodied, ripe, incredibly polished 2015 is already hard to resist given its elegance and purity, yet should be at its best from 2023-2043. If you have more than one bottle, it's sensational today as well.”*

**98 pts — Jeb Dunnuck, November 2017**



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