

Château d'Issan 2014,
An Excellent Surprise.

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Grand Cru Classé en 1855

CHATEAU D'ISSAN

MARGAUX

Exceptional flowering

Thanks to perfect growing conditions during the month of June, both the Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon vines flowered at the same time, around June 25th with no gap in between.

A summer with mixed results

Summer was cool and humid, bringing mid-veraison around August 8th.

An “Indian summer” in Bordeaux

From August 21st until the end of November,

Margaux enjoyed a long Indian summer with continuous warm and dry weather.

A serene harvest

Merlot harvest: September 25th until October 3rd / Cabernet harvest: October 6th until October 15th.

Hand-picked harvest.

The splendid weather permitted rigorous plot by plot selection, allowing both of our two grape varieties to achieve progressive and optimal ripeness. The harvested berries were plump and juicy, with generous fruit and tight skins, yet silky and elegant tannins.

“Haute-Couture” vinification

Fermentations are done traditionally with very soft pumping-over to respect the lively character and structure of the fruit. After three weeks of maceration followed by malolactic fermentation, the wine was put in French oak barrels in mid-November.

Blend: Cabernet is king

The final blend took place mid-January. The selection was obvious, with the marvelously ripe Cabernet Sauvignon contributing 77% to the blend, and 23% of voluptuous Merlot rounding it out to a harmonious and well-integrated whole. Chateau d'Issan 2014 is difficult to compare to other vintages due to the unique growing conditions, yet its singular terroir remains clearly identifiable.

ANALYSIS	Ch.d'ISSAN	BLASON D'ISSAN	BLEND	Ch.d'ISSAN	BLASON D'ISSAN
Alcohol (% vol.)	13.24	13.10	Merlot	23%	53%
Total Acidity (g/l H ₂ SO ₄)	3.45	3.53	Cabernet Sauvignon	77%	47%
Ph	3.83	3.67	Global Yield (hl/Ha)	44	44
Polyphenols	68	62	New Barrels	50%	35%
			Proportion 1 st /2 nd vin	45%	55%