



CHATEAU DE SALES 2004

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS AND HARVEST

After a month of May during which cool periods alternated with warmer weather, flowering started towards the end of the month.

Lack of rainfall in June encouraged rapid flowering.

The grapes started to change colour in heatwave temperatures in early August.

Contrasting conditions caused the grapes to ripen rather slowly, but mild and dry weather in September helped to keep the grapes nicely balanced.

The harvest took place from 23 September to 11 October.

VARIETAL MIX

76.5% Merlot

14% Cabernet Sauvignon

9.5% Cabernet Franc

BARREL MATURING

5% new barrels

95% 1- to 3-year-old barrels

TASTING NOTES

Red with a brickish hue, the wine has a fresh nose and a supple attack with a good balance between fruit and spice flavours, building up to a long finish on peppery notes.