



CHÂTEAU BEYCHEVELLE

2005 VINTAGE

2005 Harvest dates
From September 21 to October 6th

Production
70.88 ha

Yield
42 hl/ha

Blend
Cabernet Sauvignon 47%
Merlot 46%
Cabernet Franc 3%
Petit Verdot 4%

The 2004-2005 growth cycle was marked by even less rainfall than the preceding years, thereby maintaining a water deficit going back three years.

The growing season got off to a fairly slow start due to cool weather in the month of March but on the whole, flowering was quite even for the various grape varieties, which augured well for ripening later in the year.

Occurring very quickly and uniformly, peak *véraison* (colour change) took place around the 10th of August. Despite a few showers in the first ten days of September, the weather was highly conducive to the forming of ripe, healthy fruit.

It did not rain a single day during the harvest. Grape quality was superb, with exceptional sugar levels in both Merlot and Cabernet.

Initial tastings when the wine was run off were extremely promising, showing very intense colour with plenty of fruit and body.