



# 2020

## WEATHER CONDITIONS

The weather conditions were difficult to manage from the start of the budding season. Indeed, the end of March coincided with frosts that fortunately were controlled by small fires for several nights. Spring was mild and rainy, leading to significant development of the vines. In May, several thunderstorms hit the vineyard, one of which was accompanied by hail on the 8th, fortunately without serious consequences for Coutet.

The summer was very dry, with only 6mm of precipitation between 19 June and 11 August. The traditional thunderstorms of 15 August brought a little more than 40mm, which allowed the grapes to ripen perfectly under excellent conditions.

The drought set in until the start of harvest on 16 September.

## HARVEST

The first sort occurred on 16 and 17 September to harvest the botrytis resulting from the thunderstorms of 15 August. The second and third passages were organized quickly, the climatic conditions becoming unfavorable. The teams were ready to harvest within the hour, as soon as a weather window emerged.

This second phase of harvest finally took place on 23 September before a thunderstorm resulting in a cumulative rainfall of 38mm. Then, the harvest continued 29 and 30 September before 77mm of precipitation. A new passage is initiated, initially, on 8 and 9 October, but 140mm of rain accumulated since the first sort strongly impacts concentration levels, encouraging us to be patient until 12 October.

We resume harvest under normal conditions until 22 October but with a very capricious forecast. A fifth and sixth sort follow one another, and the harvest ends on 26 October.

HARVEST DATES	September 16 <sup>th</sup> to October 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
PASSES	6 manual successive passes
NUMBER OF DAYS OF HARVEST	19
BLEND	Sémillon 95%, Sauvignon Blanc 4%, Muscadelle 1%
FERMENTATION	<i>in barrel</i>
AGEING	18 months in 100% French oak barrels
ESTATE BOTTLED	to be bottled June 2022

## TASTING NOTES

This is an extremely delicate vintage. The first tastings reveal a particularly fresh wine, marked by floral notes of lily of the valley and grapefruit flowers.

The liveliness on the palate is typical of our Barsac terroir