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Defining the right harvest dates for the Lafite parcels was one of the challenges of the vintage. Some of the Cabernet came before the Merlot, in a duet dance where the two grape varieties relied on each other to help us define the ripeness and profile of the wine. We would taste the berries of one, then the other, to decide when the plots would be ready.

The result? In our quest to make a great Carruades that tells its vintage story, this is not a 4-varietal Carruades this year. There's just Merlot and Cabernet-Sauvignon, looking at each other and telling their complementary stories.

In the end, we managed to catch both these hares at the right time. This year, "Caudeyrac", a legendary plot on the Lafite plateau, gives our Carruades a more Pauillac character than ever.

For ageing, we are experimenting with the use of wooden vats from our historic vinification vat-house for part of our Carruades blend.



Blend

Carruades de Lafite:

60% Cabernet-Sauvignon,
40% Merlot

Budburst:

9 April

Mid-Flowering:

1 June

Mid-Véraison:

31 July

Harvest:

7 to 29 September