# PONTET-CANET

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855

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# VINTAGE 2024 A HAPPY CHOICE

#### **SPRING**

After an exceptionally wet and mild winter, the season began under ideal conditions. The water-saturated soils provided a perfect environment for the vines.

Budburst was unusually early. With the heavy rain in early April, the first mildew contaminations quickly appeared. Due to a particularly wet spring, extreme vigilance and reactivity were the key to contain the pathogen. Cooler-than-usual temperatures slowed vine growth. The return of dry weather on May 22 provided a period of relief. Flowering took place under favorable conditions, but thunderstorms in mid-June reignited the battle against mildew, testing the vineyard and the teams once again. Fortunately, thanks to meticulous work and controlled management of vine vigor, and cover crops, grape losses remained minimal.

### **SUMMER**

The summer was marked by a **beneficial drough**t, which is always a great asset for wine quality. Veraison began under dry conditions, with temperatures in line with the decade's averages. In this seasonal dryness, water stress gradually set in, leading to **the destruction of herbaceous aromas and the synthesis of fruity aromas**.

#### HARVEST

At the end of August, an unstable sky reappeared and persisted until the end of the harvest.

We made a *happy choice*: risk-taking to harvest ripe grapes has paid off. Patience guided our every move, giving priority to observing and listening to the vineyard.

We took the time **to wait for optimal ripeness**, giving this vintage every chance to become a beautiful « Grand Vin ».

## 06/04

BUDBURST

## 06/06

FLOWERING

# 16/08

VERAISON

## 26/09 - 11/10

HARVEST

## BLEND

52 % Cabernet Sauvignon

43 % Merlot

4 % Petit verdot

1% Cabernet Franc

# AGING

50 % new barrels

15 % one year old barrels

35 % concrete amphoraes