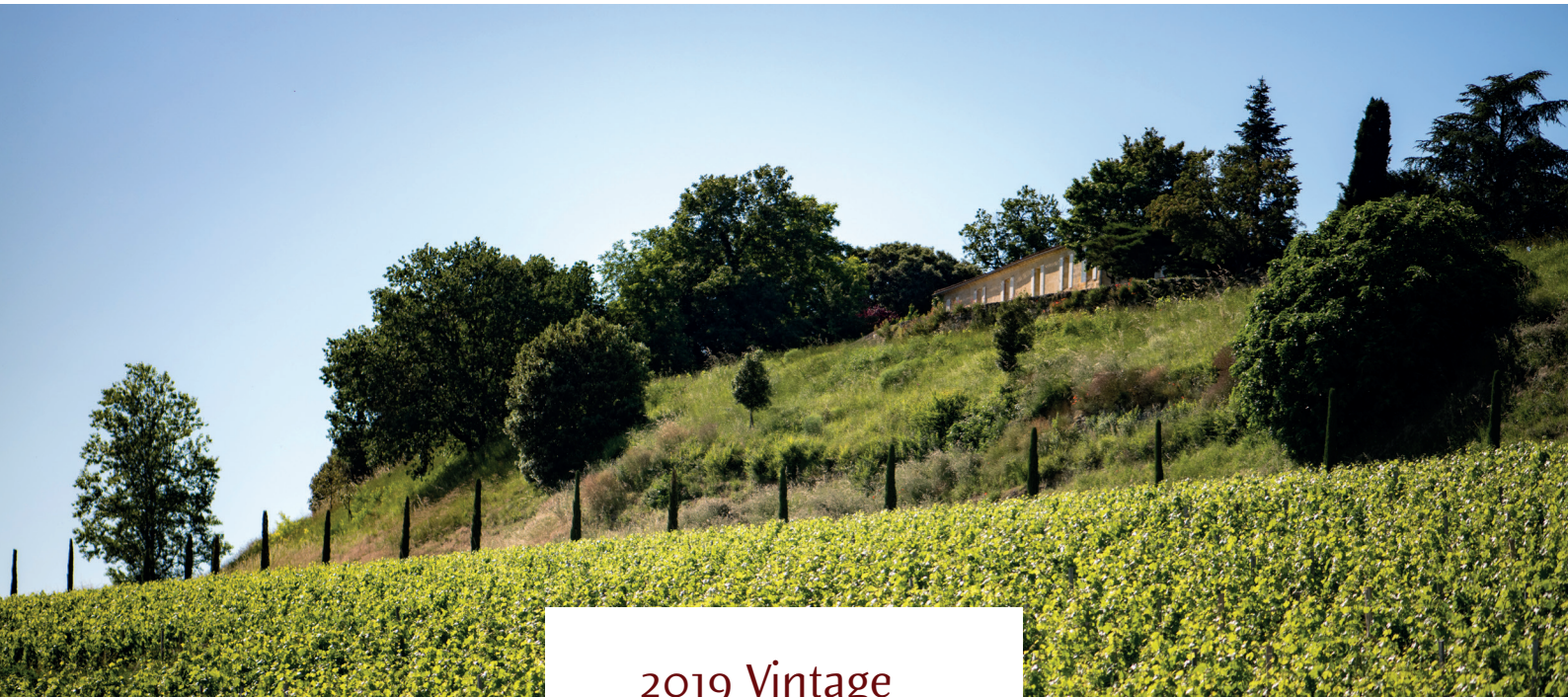




CHATEAU QUINTUS



## 2019 Vintage

### The Climate

The winter of 2018-2019 was mild and dry. Cool temperatures in spring slowed down vine growth. Flowering took place in ideal conditions, without coulure (shot berries) nor millerandage (abnormal fruit set). Storm Miguel swept across the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, although our grapes were fortunately spared. Heavy, regular rainfall was conducive to vegetative growth, leading the vines to develop an impressive leaf canopy. The rain came to a sudden halt on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, and a series of successive heatwaves ensued. July was the third hottest in history after 2006 and 2013, with temperatures reaching a record-breaking 42°C on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fortunately, rain fell on the 26<sup>th</sup>, followed by cool nights in August, propitious to the synthesis of anthocyanins. Véraison (colour change) was slow but uninterrupted. September was marked by fine, dry and sunny conditions, interspersed by welcome rainfall. Thanks to this ideal spell of weather, all the grape varieties were harvested at peak ripeness and at a leisurely pace.

### Some Technical Information

Harvest Dates From the 19<sup>th</sup> of September to the 9<sup>th</sup> of October

Blend Merlot: 55,4% ; Cabernet Franc: 44,6%

New barrels 38,2%

Alcohol 15,5%

Bottling date April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2021

### Tasting note

This Quintus is a deep red colour with crimson highlights. The bouquet is powerful, intense and complex, and bursting with notes of ripe, black fruit, particularly blackcurrant. Spicy, subtle overtones are already perceptible. Starts out broad-based and fleshy, with a remarkably caressing sensation, becoming full-bodied, with smooth, creamy fine-grained tannins mid-palate. The finish is long, without any hardness whatsoever. A perfect marriage between Merlot and Cabernet Franc, whereby the qualities of each grape variety are expressed to the full. This 2019 Quintus is clearly a tremendous success.

