U par Château Luchey-Halde Red 2011

Merlot (48%), Cabernet Sauvignon (31%),

A.O.C. Pessac-Léognan

Blending:

Petit Verdot (21%),



Harvest: From the 6th to the 26th of September

2011: the 2011 spring was characterised with a severe drought and temperatures far above normal. This climate led to a very early bloom and fruit set in May. Then, the episode of heat wave in the 26th and 27th of June provoked a scalding, resulting in the loss of a part of the harvest. A moderately warm and pretty wet summer allowed avoiding a water stress due to disastrous consequences by ensuring physiological development's resumption of the grapevine. Harvests were premature and were held in good conditions.

A.O.C area: 23 hectares
A.O.C area in red: 19 hectares
Geology: deep grave with clay
Grape varieties: 55% Cabernet Sauvignon – 35% Merlot - 5% Cabernet Franc – 5% Petit Verdot
Plantation density: 8300 plants/Ha
Size: double Guyot
Average yield: 30 hl/Ha
Harvest: by hand
Vinification: small thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks
Maceration: 4 to 5 weeks
Aging: 100% in barrel including 50% of new ones, during 12 months
Œnologist advice: Serge Charritte





To the nose, this wine reveals fruity flavours (wild strawberries and crushed raspberries). To the mouth, we find spicy and vanilla notes, supplemented by a minty touch. The tannins are wide and soft at the same time. It gives to the wine a lingering taste and complexity.





