

AMIRAL DE BEYCHEVELLE 2014

<u>Dates of Harvest</u> From 25th September to 13th October

> Yields 38 hl/ha

Blend Cabernet Sauvignon 57% Merlot 43%%

Due to a mild, rainy winter, the vines' growing cycle started about two weeks earlier than usual. Spring continued with similar conditions. Mild, wet weather in May led to moderate growth and fortunately flowering was not hampered by the rain. The summer brought temperate conditions, with some light showers in July and cool weather during August.

Finally September arrived bringing exceptional weather. September 2014 was the hottest since 1961! A succession of hot, dry days resulted in some water stress for the vines, and created ideal conditions for the final stage of ripening.

Thanks to this magnificent late summer, the harvests were peaceful and unhurried!

Powerful, with rich colours and tannins, Amiral de Beychevelle 2014 is already showing at this early stage a smoothness and length on the palate which suggest it will be a very well-balanced wine.