

## «LE PREMIER»

2012

# CHÂTEAU ANGELUS

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

A unique bottle to celebrate an historic vintage.



The 2012 vintage had a tough start with a chaotic spring. Fortunately, July and August were perfect for good grape development. The nose is remarkably intense and the purity of its fruit aromas is amazing. The top quality Cabernet Franc grapes straighten out the wine's structure and provide a great accompaniment for the velvety, tender Merlot, while contributing elegance and precision to the whole.

2012 was an important year for Angelus: it won the status of Premier Grand Cru Classé "A", and a member of the eighth generation of our family joined the estate's Directorate, while 2012 was also the 230th anniversary of the Boüard de Laforest's arrival in Saint-Emilion. The year also saw extension and improvement work done on the estate on a hitherto unequalled scale.

Stéphanie de Boüard-Rivoal decided therefore to highlight this vintage with new packaging - a unique bottle to celebrate an historic vintage.

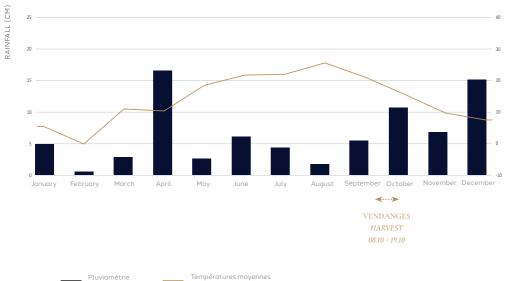
With its black capsule bearing the Boüard de Laforest family crest, the 2012 bottle also replaced the traditional paper label with a raised gold inscription, which decorates the glass, providing its own sparkle, while emphasizing the Angelus bell.

The entire 2012 harvest is conditioned in these beautiful bottles, some of which are large formats ranging from magnums to melchiors.

In its ambition to always match its enthusiasts' trust by being increasingly demanding on quality, Angelus sought to thank them with this unique bottle.

BLEND 55% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Franc HARVEST October 8th to 19th

# WEATHER CONDITIONS



TEMPERATURES (°C)

Average temperatures

Rainfall

## IN SUPPORT OF A SUSTAINABLE VINEYARD

At Angelus, the terroirs are the result of a perfect balance between climate, soils, water reserves, vines and the people working there. Maintaining this balance, preserving the long-term future of the vineyard and its environment, optimising resources and enhancing biodiversity are central to our daily work. This concern for the environment gave rise to our commitment to virtuous and responsible farming.

#### BRINGING LIFE TO THE SOILS

Grass cover crops in the rows Natural de-compacting of the soils Mycorrhizal development Ecological surface nests and support for airborne insect life.

### INDIVIDUALISED VINEYARD PRACTICES

Pruning methods that respect the flow of the sap Spraying to prevent disease Adapted thinning-out of shoots Early de-leafing and crop thinning.

#### ENHANCING BIODIVERSITY

Planting hedgerows and trees around our vineyard plots

Limiting inputs and proliferation of pests Establishment of polyculture.



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