



May 2015

# Château Gazin Rocquencourt Red 2014

## Appellation Pessac-Léognan (A.O.C.)

### Vintage

Spring 2014 was pleasant with fairly good, uniform flowering at Malartic. July was fine, but August, which was initially wet and hot, and then very cool, caused a significant threat of mildew and then outbreaks of Botrytis on the white grapes at the end of the month.

Fortunately, on 27 August, a period of superb weather arrived that was to continue throughout the harvests. Decisions were fast and well-managed thanks to a reinforced team that worked hard throughout the growth cycle to compensate for these special conditions (meticulous removal of unwanted shoots and regular trimming; several rounds of leaf stripping; green harvests). Ripeness progressed exponentially, enabling us to harvest very concentrated grapes that produced powerful, aromatic musts, enlivened by very good levels of acidity.

The red grape harvests ended on 21 October under sunny skies. The Merlot is dense, rounded and rich, with lots of volume. Very uniform, embodying a real Malartic style. The Cabernet is very clean, pure and long, with bright, almost sunny fruit, and a noticeable sweetness. The tannins present volume and flexibility. Remarkable!

**This vintage offers amazing precision and great quality, largely due to the superb Indian summer, and enhanced by our growing techniques and management of the terroir.**

### Harvest period

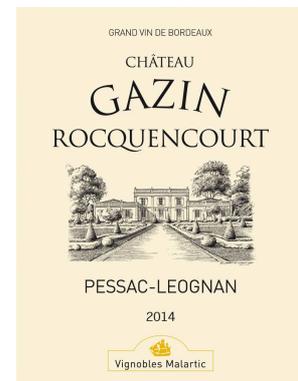
Merlot From 30 september to 10 october 2014  
Cabernets From 16 to 21 october 2014

### Blend

Cabernet Sauvignon 50%  
Merlot 50%

### Technical data

Area in red (A.O.C.) 19,5 hectares  
Grape varieties 55% Cabernet Sauvignon  
45% Merlot  
Geology Gravels on limestone and clay subsoil  
Density of plantation 10 000 plants / ha  
Average age of vines 16 years old  
Pruning method Guyot double  
**Average yield** **40 hl/ha**  
**Degree** **13,5% vol**  
Harvest Handpicking - Sustainable farming - HVE  
Vinification Thermoregulated stainless steel vats  
Fermentation About 30 days - 28 to 30°C  
Ageing Traditional in French oak barrels - New oak 40%  
Ageing period In progress  
Oenologist Consultants Michel Rolland





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### ***Press Release***

**Neal Martin - [erobertparker.com](http://erobertparker.com) - April 2015**

**87 - 89** *The Château Gazin Rocquencourt 2014, a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon and 50% Merlot, has a sedate, well-defined bouquet that needs to muster a little more vigor by the time of bottling. The palate is medium-bodied with a sweet, candied entry. There are very supple, lithe tannins here with plenty of blueberry and cassis fruit, though it needs to find a little more precision on the finish. Drink 2018 - 2029*

**Antonio Galloni - [vinousmedia.com](http://vinousmedia.com) - April 2015**

**90 - 93** *A dark, jammy wine, the 2014 Gazin Rocquencourt offers plenty of up-front intensity and voluptuousness. The large presence of Merlot in the blend (50%) gives the 2014 much of its open personality. Smoke, tobacco and licorice add layers of complexity on the sensuam polished finish. This is one of the more jammy, opulent wines readers will come across in Pessac-Léognan, yet all the elements are deftly balanced. The 2014 is equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. This is a terrific showing from the Bonnie family and consulting winemaker Michel Rolland. Tasted three times.*

**Jane Anson - [Decanter](http://Decanter) - April 2015**

**17 (90/100)** *From a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Merlot, aged in 40% new oak, with a reasonable yield of 40 hl/h and 13.5%abv. Lovely silky texture. The power and fruit intensity is front-loaded, this packs a punch but then lightens up, nice progression to a fresh finish. Drink 2002 - 2035*

**James Suckling - [jamesuckling.com](http://jamesuckling.com) - March 2015**

**91 - 92** *Juicy and complete with dense fruit and chewy tannins. Excellent depth of fruit.*