



Château Venus is a family estate located in the heart of the Graves. The vineyard stretches over 8.5 hectares planted with red grape varieties: 70 % of Merlot and 30 % of Cabernet Sauvignon. The vines are worked using sustainable farming techniques, The soils are ploughed and natural organic manure is used.

**Bordeaux vintage 2018:** The harvest was shorted by 30% but this year due to the mildew pressure. There were a lot of rains during the spring, the soil was humid for a long period and the weather was warm, perfect for the spread of the rot. Merlot plots were the most affected. After this difficult spring, the vintage took a 180° turn with a magnificent summer, no rain through July and August; the remaining grapes were in perfect conditions and had a good maturity. Despite the 30% harvest loss, 2018 remain a good Vintage in Bor-



## CHÂTEAU VENUS - GRAVES TRADITION 2018

**GRAPES** : 70 % merlot, 30 % cabernet sauvignon

**SOIL**: Gravels, deep gravels, sand

**AGE OF THE VINES** : 20 years

**SURFACE AREA** : 8,5 hectares (5,500 vine-plants / hectare)

**YIELD** : 49 hl/ha

**VINE GROWING** : Guyot pruning, plowing (no chemical products), disbudding, green harvest and thinning out done manually

**WINEMAKING**: Cold macerations, fermentations in stainless steel tanks with temperature control. 12 months in new barrels (20%) and barrels of one wine (French oak)

**TASTING NOTES**: Slightly spicy bouquet which develops aroma of black and red stewed fruits, mocha and chocolate. Rounded tannins, silky with a long persistence on the palate.

**SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRING**: game, barbecued meat, dessert with chocolate

Ageing potential: 10 years