

# CHATEAU RENARD MONDESIR 2015

## Appellation Fronsac

### ~ Background ~



Château Renard Mondésir is located on the steep slopes of the La Rivière commune in Fronsac and owned and managed by Xavier Chassagnoux. The name “Renard,” which means fox in French, comes from the healthy population of foxes in the area. Vintners have been using stones from the hills to build homes and winemaking facilities for centuries: Château Renard Mondésir’s date from the mid 1700s. Foxes move into the holes left by the stones and extend their underground burrows all over the vineyards.

The Château is a star of the Fronsac region and is part of the “Fronsac Expression” club, which regroups all of the best Fronsac estates together. Mr. Chassagnoux lets his estate’s powerful terroir speak for itself. It has been producing wines of superb quality since 1990 and began using organic winemaking techniques in 1997; they will be certified organic in 2013.

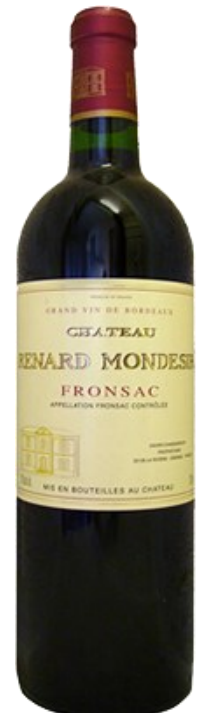


### ~ Viticulture ~

- **Varietal composition:** 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc
- **Vineyard area:** 7.2 hectares
- **Terroir:** Steep slopes of well-drained chalk-clay, siliceous-clay, and “Renard” sand.
- **Average age of the vines:** 20 years
- **Planting density:** 5,000 to 6,000 vines per hectare
- **Yield:** 45 hectoliters per hectare
- **Cultivation:** 100% elimination of base-buds on the vines and green harvest concentrate fruit. Grass is planted in alternating rows to oxygenate the soil, push vine roots deeper, and promote healthy microbiology in the soil.

### ~ Winemaking ~

- **Harvest:** Manual sorting and 100% de-stemming. Grape selection by parcel.
- **Winemaking process:** Fermentation in epoxy-coated cement tanks. Vatting for 3-4 weeks. Pneumatic pressure extraction.
- **Ageing:** 1 year in French oak barrels, 1/3 new, 1/3 1 year old, 1/3 two years old. Filtered over soil prior to bottling.
- **Blending:** Individual parcel blending before ageing; second blending after barrel ageing.
- **Average production:** 25,000 bottles



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