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## Red 2003

## Splendour and Originality An Unprecedently Year!

Dear friends of Daumas Gassac,

Here's the ideal vintage for wine lovers to acquire and allow it to mature for seven to fifteen years. Then, it will be the perfect contribution to any festive evening with friends or relatives! The vintage 2003 will unquestionably be a milestone in the history of great "vins de garde", thanks to its extraordinary richness in beautiful tannins from the extreme weather.

No vast vineyards at Daumas, but small patches in clearings! The sixty days of blazing sun of the 2003 summer didn't manage to burn our vines, nestled in the Mediterranean "garrigue" forest bringing coolness about.

No green pruning at Daumas, as this would reduce the leaf area, the lung of the vine; and no trellising either, which would lay the grapes bare under the sun; all in all the scorching sun failed to burn the grapes sheltered under the mass of green leaves.

And then, a godsend; during the autumn and winter 2002-2003, we had more than 117cm of rainfall in the Gassac valley, instead of the usual 75 cm! With the ground engarged with good rainwater; the vines could drink at theirs heart's content throughout the hot summer.

So, abundant water for the roots, freshness in the clearings, shade from the untrimmed leaves, the sunshine extraordinaire gave birth to a wine of fire in which the fruit, the richness, the alcohol and the tannins are in perfect balance, with a touch of caramel flavour that completes an unprecedented personality.

Just a word about prices: For the seventh year in a row, we leave the price of our wine unchanged! There is just an additional charge to cover the increases of boxes, bottles, power and transportation. We make it a matter of honour to respect our client friends by never applying speculative price changes.

To you all, our friends, kindest regards.

Aimé GUIBERT Véronique, Samuel et Roman GUIBERT