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# **Red 2004**

## **An outstanding vintage !**

Dear Friends,

A very singular vintage for 2004 ! The lees simply would not settle until March 2005. It tasted just fine but something was not quite right ! It was just not developing !

Then suddenly, in a matter of days, everything changed. Quite spontaneously, nearly 10% of the lees sank to the bottom of the vats compared with a normal average of 4 - 5%.

We were thrilled ! Our frog had turned into a Prince !

And I'm sure you'll be equally thrilled when you taste this 2004 ! It's a deep, almost black colour with incredibly rich tannins; an intensely powerful wine, bursting with flavour : a real joy.

This outstanding wine will be remembered for two reasons : its sheer, unique, opulence, and its near tropical character.

You'll be able to enjoy this 2004 as soon as it reaches you, but, in a good cellar, it will age well.

So, there you have it. A dazzling wine to delight all true wine lovers, a truly one-off vintage; a vintage that will be remembered as "Wine in all its glory : sheer self-indulgence".

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*I'd like to end by recommending the film Mondovino, a modern La Fontaine fable in which a humble vigneron takes on a wealthy industrial wine producer whose aim is to monopolize the market. The mysterious spirit of the vine protects the myriad works of poetic vignerons against the invading forces of mass production.*

Sincerely,

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