



## **"APOTHÉOSE" IN LANGUEDOC, VINTAGE 1998**

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**Dear Friends of Mas de Daumas Gassac,**

**How can we talk in simple terms about the infinite Red Vintage of 1998 ?**

*How can we suppress our admiration and find the exact words to describe this masterpiece of nature ?*

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*Today, here it is in front of me, taken out of its cask after ten months of "elevage" ; here it is, "en majesté", in a large balloon glass.*

*You can see immediately the fullness and the richness of an extraordinary wine, beautiful robed in a gown of dark.*

*In spite of the strong tannin base, the wine rolls effortlessly in the mouth, leaving behind very crisp flavours of perfectly ripened fruit, predominately those of black cherry and blackcurrant ; a mellowness and a delicacy surround this amazing substance.*

*"La fin de bouche" is one of an infinite freshness and a lasting impression of vanilla and liquorice.*

**Quel seigneur Vin !**

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*One can think, of course, of the Daumas Gassac Vintages of 1978, 1982 and 1985 ; there is something of all of these three great wines, but with an added special grandeur.*

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*This magnificent thoroughbred can be partially explained by the climate of 1998 with the intense heat of summer (June-July-August) and then a renewed coolness during the grape-picking.*

*Add to this, the gentle rainfall of 20mm in September which arrived in time to refresh the leaves and the berries and to prevent the fermentation of any over-ripened fruit.*

***All the grapes picked the vintage of 1998 will yield 37 hectos hectares of an impressive wine, designated by Daumas Gassac and very different from any other great French wine.***

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*The total production will not exceed 100,000 bottles, for tasting in May of 2000, just to get to know it, but to keep another seven to fourteen years.*

***Friends of the Vallée of Gassac should await of this opportunity to purchase this long term vintage which signifies an honourable end to the second millennium.***

*Croyez à notre amitié vigneronne,*



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