



L'Ancien

LALANDE DE POMEROL - VINTAGE 2008



Created by the Count de Kermartin in the mid-19th century, Garraud's vineyards appear in the 1868 edition of Le Féret (Bordeaux wine directory). Léon Nony bought the vineyard in 1939 and started to renovate and expand it. After his death in 1959, his son, Michel, then his grandson, Jean-Marc, continued his work. In the 1990's, the vat room and cellars were completely renovated to incorporate new techniques and the latest thinking in terms of vinification and ageing, while preserving traditional know-how. In 1997, a few high-quality plots were selected to produce a wine in a very low quantity, l'Ancien, which stands at the very top of the Appellation.

SOIL TYPE : Micro-selection from 36 hectares of vineyards planted on the geological prolongation of the Pomerol plateau in varied soils (clay, gravel, clay-silt).

AVERAGE AGE OF VINES : Around 27 years old

PLANTING DENSITY : Around 6.000 vines/ha

VINEYARD MANAGEMENT : Double Guyot pruning, bud removal, sustainable soil enrichment, leaf thinning, green harvesting if necessary, ploughing, managed grass cover, harvesting when the grapes reach perfect maturity, mostly by hand.

ENVIRONMENT : Vine treatments only if necessary (with preference given to more environmentally-friendly products and application methods), effluent treatment, the use of local suppliers when possible, and selective waste management.

VINIFICATION :

Plot selection, sorting of the harvested grapes, full destemming, fully fermented in new French oak barrels in an air-conditioned cellar.



BLEND : 100% Merlot

YIELD : 22 hl/ha

AGEING : 100% in new oak barrels

DATE OF HARVEST : October 2

WEATHER CONDITIONS :

A late bud break followed by alternate periods of rain and sunshine in the spring. July was very nice, August was variable, September was terrific.

TASTING NOTES :

A crystal-clear ruby red hue. The melted aromas from barrel ageing mingle with notes of ripe red berries. The elegant palate is underpinned by silky tannins. An even more developed bouquet after decanting.
Best drinking time : 2015 - 2024

PRESS RELEASES (extract) :

. **16/20 Le Point** : « Reticent nose with layers of violet and blackcurrant, a soft and smooth palate, very ripe merlot with full, unctuous tannins. » - Jacques Dupont, France, May 2009.

. **86/100 guide Gilbert & Gaillard 2012** : « Intense color. Aromas of red fruits with some oaky-toasty notes. Robustly styled, full-bodied, it shows roughness of youth. For now, the oak-dominated flavors lead to a firm, slightly bitter finish. » - France, February 2011.



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The abuse of alcohol is dangerous for health. Consume with moderation.

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