



# L'Ancien

**LALANDE DE POMEROL - VINTAGE 2010**



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 26 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% new oak barrels

**DATE OF HARVEST :** October 6

**WEATHER CONDITIONS :**

A very cold winter followed by a cool and unstable spring led to a late flowering. Water stress, high day-time temperatures and low night-time temperatures in the summer induced a stoppage of growth that was beneficial to the accumulation of sugars, tannins and aromas.

**TASTING NOTES :**

Dense, bright, black appearance. Very developed nose of blackberries, blueberries, roasted coffee and spice. Voluptuous on the palate with rich, satiny tannins. Decanting is optional. Best drinking time : 2020 - 2030

**PRESS RELEASES (extract) :**

. **London International Wine Challenge** : « Vanilla, dense brooding fruit, cassis and clean with a plummy note and rich, firm robust structure » - Great Britain, May 2012.

. **86/100, guide Gilbert & Gaillard 2014** : « Dark colour, lively highlights. The nose combines ripe fruits and quite intense oaky notes. Powerful palate, strong expression of its barrel ageing, still fairly bitter. Not ready yet. For connoisseurs. » - France, September 2013.



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

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