



L'Ancien

LALANDE DE POMEROL - VINTAGE 2011



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 : 43 hl/ha

AGEING : 100% new oak barrels

DATE OF HARVEST : September 16

WEATHER CONDITIONS :

An unusually early spring with record heat and drought: the warmest since the beginning of the 20th century, the driest in 50 years. July was slightly wetter than normal, August and September were warmer than normal.

TASTING NOTES :

Dense, bright crimson hue. An open nose of blackcurrants, liquorice and toasted bread. Full-bodied on the palate with firm, elegant tannins. Decanting heightens the freshness of the bouquet.
Best drinking time : 2018 - 2026

PRESS RELEASES (extract) :

- . **88-89/100 Jamessuckling.com** : « A wine with soft and velvety tannins with polish and poise. Full to medium body, with citrus, bright acidity, and salty undertones. Bright wine. »- James Suckling, USA, April 2012.
- . **15/20 Decanter.com** : « Dark fruit with a touch of spicy complexity. Good, medium-bodied weight with ripe, firm tannins. »- James Lawther, Great Britain, April 2012.
- . **14/20 Le Point** : « Clean fruit on the nose, round, fleshy and tightly-knit palate sporting savoury tannins, a lovely astringency and a long, sappy finish. » - Jacques Dupont, France, May 2012.



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

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