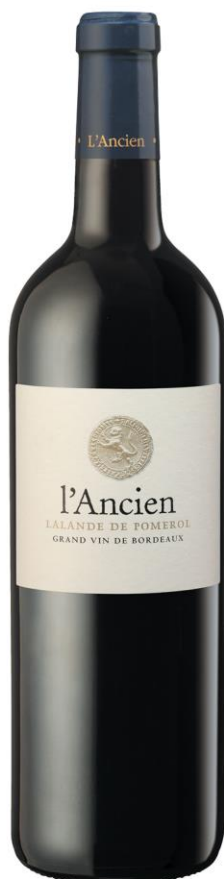




L'Ancien

LALANDE DE POMEROL - VINTAGE 2012



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 : 24 hl/ha

AGEING : 100% new oak barrels

DATE OF HARVEST : September 27

WEATHER CONDITIONS :

A mild winter followed by a cold spell in February. March brought summer-like conditions, April was rainy, May was nice, July was cool, and August and September were warm, with several days of temperatures over 30°C.

TASTING NOTES :

Lovely carmine hue. A developed nose of dark berries, white pepper and toasting. The wide palate rests over supple, tasty tannins. Even more open after decanting. Best drinking time : 2017 - 2025

PRESS RELEASES (extract) :

- . **90/100 JamesSuckling.com** : « A well-crafted 2012 from this appellation with firm tannins and fresh fruit. Medium body and a spicy, dark berry character. Drink or hold.» - James Suckling, USA, February 2015.
- . **13,5/20 Le Point** : « Sanguine, thyme, noticeable oak, jammy character. Velvety, tight and powerful on the palate, fully ripe merlot, a touch of bitterness on the finish.» - Jacques Dupont, France, May 2013.
- . **86-88/100 erobertparker.com** . Robert Parker, USA, April 2013.
- . **87/100 Quarin 2013**: "Lovely dark colour. Fragrant and fruity. Sappy and fleshy, with fruity flavours. Medium bodied. Good length. A new wine for me. » - Jean-Marc Quarin, France, April 2013.



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

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