



# L'Ancien

**LALANDE DE POMEROL - VINTAGE 2013**



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 28 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 :** 28 hl/ha

**AGEING :** 100% new oak barrels

**DATE OF HARVEST :** October 1

**WEATHER CONDITIONS :**

Winter was cold and rainy. June was variable, with temperature swings and rain during flowering. July was the third hottest July in France since 1900. August brought summer-like conditions, and September was warm and rainy.

**TASTING NOTES :**

A dense, crystal-clear ruby hue. The attractive nose combines aromas of raspberries, spice and roasting. Fresh on the palate with elegant tannins. The finish is warm. Decanting is optional.  
Best drinking time : 2018 - 2023

**PRESS RELEASES (extract) :**

- . 86-87/100 JamesSuckling.com :** « Good berry and chocolate-power character. Medium body, round tannins and pleasant finish. » - James Suckling, USA, May 2014.
- . 14/20 Le Point :** « Red fruit aromas, sweet and elegant mouthfeel, good extraction, long, delicate/soft finish. » - Jacques Dupont, France, April 2014.



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

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