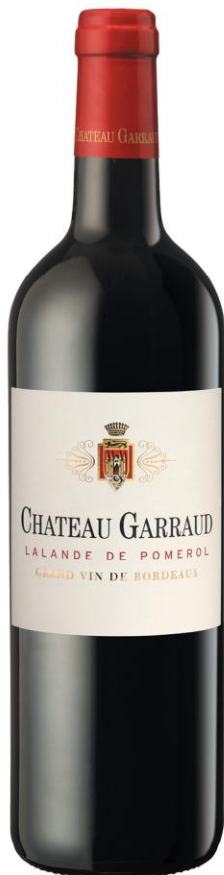




CHATEAU GARRAUD

LALANDE DE POMEROL - VINTAGE 2007



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 and 2007, the family extended the vineyards.

SOIL TYPE :

"First Wine" from a vineyard of around 36 hectares located on the geological prolongation of the Pomerol plateau, 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.

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, fermentation in stainless steel temperature-controlled vats, control of the maceration process and vinification temperatures.



BLEND : 81% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGEING : 35% in new oak barrels, 43% in 1 and 2 years old barrels, 22% in vats.

WEATHER CONDITIONS : A mild winter followed by record-breaking high temperatures in April resulted in an early onset of the vegetative cycle. Regular, short rainfall events during the spring and summer, and a wonderful September!

PRESS RELEASES (extract) :

- . **Coup de Cœur Le POINT** : « reductive, black fruit, supple in the mouth, soft, quite elegant, tender, supple, smooth tannins, quite "pomerolais", chocolaty.» - Jacques DUPONT, France, May 2008.
- . **SILVER Medal London International Wine Challenge** : « Youthful colour, plummy aromas. Black cherry fruit. Mouthwatering tannins, medium length, with a nice plummy finish.» - GB, May 2009.
- . **2 stars Guide HACHETTE** : « The cherry color starts to display a few red garnet hues. The nose first delivers aromas of very ripe fruits (prune), followed by a woody and spicy scent. The palate, supple and fresh, reveals a body well structured by chocolaty tannins that highlight a lingering finish.» - France, September 2010.

YIELD : 58 hl/ha

DATES OF HARVEST : From September 16 to October 9.

TASTING NOTES : Nice, clear purple colour. Espresso roast and liquorice aromas beautifully interlaced with notes of redcurrant and blackberry. Straightforward on entry, showing a round and powerful mid-palate, all atop firm but non-aggressive tannins. Very good length.

Best drinking time : 2012 - 2019



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

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