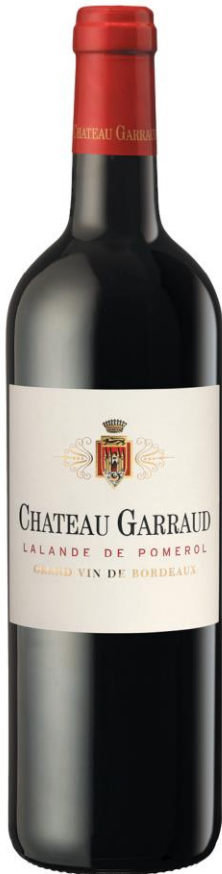




CHATEAU GARRAUD

LALANDE DE POMEROL - VINTAGE 2009



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 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.

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 : 69% Merlot, 26% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGEING : 22% in new oak barrels, 40% in 1 and 2 years old barrels, 38% in vats.

WEATHER CONDITIONS : Temperatures above the 30-year average for May, June and August, followed by a terrific Indian summer. Low rainfall from July to October contributed to an excellent ripening.

PRESS RELEASES (extract) :

- . **90-93/100 Winespectator.com** : « Blackberry and floral aromas follow through to a full body, with velvety tannins and a long, flavorful finish. Very well done. » - James Suckling, USA, April 2010.
- . **15,5/20 Le Point** : « Bloody red, powerful palate, quite reticent, nice smooth texture, generous, spices, black fruits, beautiful concentration that does not impair the elegant nature. .. » - Jacques Dupont, France, May 2010.
- . **15,5/20 Decanter** : « Deep colour. Good volume of fruit. Supple texture. Smooth, round tannins. » - GB, April 2010.
- . **Guide HACHETTE 2013** : « ...A smooth, expansive and warm entry leads to lovely fresh fruit flavours and tannins with notes of liquorice, leaving a sweet aftertaste.... » - France, September 2012.

YIELD : 52 hl/ha

DATES OF HARVEST : From September 21 to October 13.

TASTING NOTES : Ruby red hue with brick-coloured tints. The succulent nose develops notes of sour cherries, hazelnuts and truffles. The wide palate is underpinned by nicely-melted tannin. The finish is long and warm. Will benefit from decanting.

Best drinking time : 2016 - 2026



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

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