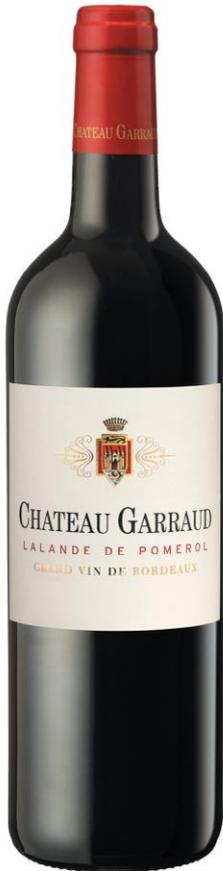




CHATEAU GARRAUD

LALANDE DE POMEROL - VINTAGE 2010



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 : 79% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGEING : 20% in new oak barrels, 43% in 1 and 2 years old barrels, 37% in vats.

WEATHER CONDITIONS : A very cold winter followed by a cool and unstable spring led to a late flowering. Water stress, high day-time temperatures and low night-time temperatures in the summer induced a stoppage of growth that was beneficial to the accumulation of sugars, tannins and aromas.

PRESS RELEASES (extract) :

. **91-92/100 Jamessuckling.com** : « Solid core of fruit, with chocolate and coffee and berry character. Full and rich with velvety tannins and a long chewy finish. » - James Suckling, USA, March 2011.

. **Coup de Cœur guide HACHETTE**: « This classy, ruby/garnet wine displays delicate and complex aromas of black fruits, with chocolaty, minty, After Eight-like oak nuances. Straightforward and vibrant on entry, it has a full-bodied mid-palate, supported by firm, tight tannins. The long, fresh and intense finish reveals a powerful, well-balanced and lively wine which can be enjoyed in its youth or after five or six years of cellaring. » - France, September 2013.

YIELD : 34 hl/ha

DATES OF HARVEST : From September 23 to October 20.

TASTING NOTES : Intense, youthful black hue. The complex bouquet reveals aromas of candied black cherries, almonds and spice. The very meaty palate is underpinned by tasty tannins. Decanting heightens the bouquet.

Best drinking time : 2018 - 2027



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

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