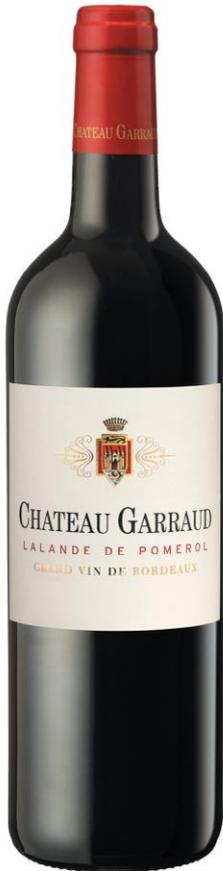




CHATEAU GARRAUD

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 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 : 70% Merlot, 29% Cabernet Franc, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGEING : 39% in new oak barrels, 32% in 1 and 2 years old barrels, 29% in vats.

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.

PRESS RELEASES (extract) :

. **1 star Guide HACHETTE 2016** : « deep purple colour and a reticent nose delivering subtle toasted notes upon aeration (from the oak aging). Lovely full-bodied and round palate, with vanilla flavours and tannins that will soften with time.» - France, September 2015.

. **13,5-14/20 Le POINT** : « Red fruit aromas, with a round and supple mouthfeel, showing restraint. Needs some time in the cellar, as it is still a bit closed.» France, September 2015.

. **GOLD Medal Gilbert & Gaillard** : « Deep garnet color. Delicate aromas of vanilla and oak over a ripe fruit background. Soft, juicy and round on the palate. Clean finish, great fruit-oak balance. A distinct Lalande personality that benefited from the oak aging. » - France, 2015.

YIELD : 41 hl/ha

DATES OF HARVEST : From September 25 to October 15.

TASTING NOTES : Lovely dark appearance with orange tints. The nose opens with notes of strawberries and grilled almonds. The palate is wide with a silky texture. Decanting is optional.

Best drinking time : 2017 - 2023



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

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