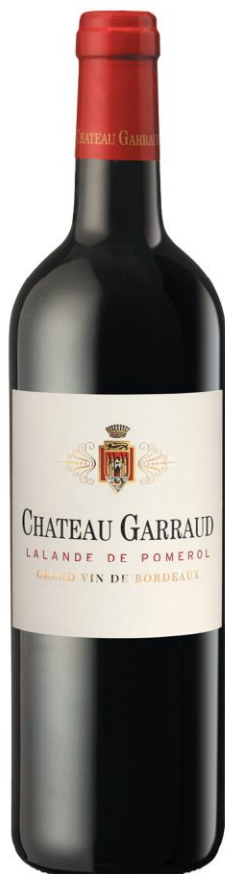




CHATEAU GARRAUD

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 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 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.

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 : 98% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc

AGEING : 31% in new oak barrels, 36% in 1 and 2 years old barrels, 33% in vats.

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.

PRESS RELEASES (extract) :

- . **Coup de Cœur Le POINT** : « Spices, toasted notes and black fruits on the round, supple, mouthwatering palate. Soft tannins, nice fruit. » - France, May 2014.
- . **87-89/100 VINOUS** : « Dark red cherries, plums, smoke, leather and game meld together in the 2013 Garraud. The flavors are broad, resonant and also a bit wild, yet all the elements fall into place nicely. There is no shortage of personality here.» - Antonio Galloni, Switzerland, April 2014.
- . **GOLD Medal Gilbert & Gaillard** : « Matured colour, with an orange hue. Opens with smoky aromas, jammy fruits and underbrush. Mature, with well-integrated tannins. Ripe aromatic register supported by powerful oak. Structured and chewy, a good match with spicy meat.» - France, June 2016.

YIELD : 28 hl/ha

DATES OF HARVEST : From September 25 to October 11.

TASTING NOTES : Bright, light ruby red hue. A charming nose of sour cherries and roasting. The palate is soft with noticeable yet nicely-melted tannin. Decanting is optional for this wine now reaching its maturity.

Best drinking time : 2017 - 2021

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

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