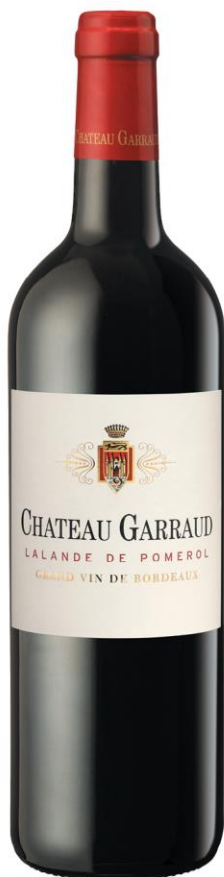




# CHATEAU GARRAUD

**LALANDE DE POMEROL - VINTAGE 2014**



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 29 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 :** 87% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon.

**AGEING :** 25% in new oak barrels, 35% in 1 and 2 years old barrels, 40% in vats.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS :** An early bud break due to a particularly warm winter. Cooler weather in May that extended the flowering process. June was very hot. Summer was variable, with frequent storms and September was wonderful.

**PRESS RELEASES (extract) :**

- . **90/100 JamesSuckling.com** - James Suckling, USA, February 2017
- . **SILVER Medal, London International Wine Challenge:** « Structured and intense, it features a good expression of blackberries, cherries, lingonberries and pencil shavings. Firm tannins and a promise of great things to come. » - GB, May 2016.
- . **GOLD Medal** – Gilbert & Gaillard 2017, France.
- . **SILVER Medal** – Mundus Vini 2017, Germany
- . **1 star** – Guide Hachette des Vins 2018, France

**YIELD :** 36 hl/ha

**DATES OF HARVEST :** From September 24 to October 9.

**TASTING NOTES :** Lovely dark garnet hue. The complex nose opens with red berry aromas and vanilla notes. The meaty, well-built palate is extremely drawn out. Decanting magnifies the bouquet of this still young wine.

Best drinking time : 2019 - 2026



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

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