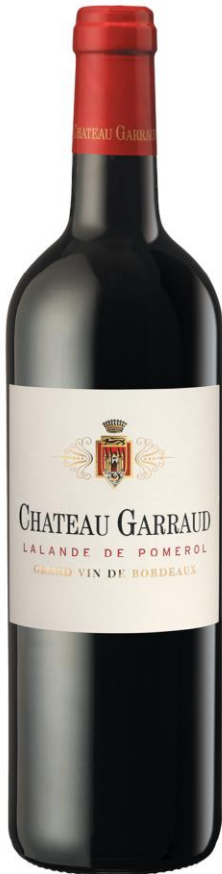




CHATEAU GARRAUD

LALANDE DE POMEROL - VINTAGE 2015



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 30 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 : 93% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon.

AGEING : 25% in new oak barrels, 33% in 1 and 2 years old barrels, 42% in vats.

WEATHER CONDITIONS : A rather cold, wet winter. Flowering was fast and homogeneous and took place in early June in lovely, mild weather with little rain. July was dry and sunny, followed by some welcome rain storms in August, and a fine, dry September.

PRESS RELEASE :

- . **92-93/100 Jamessuckling.com** : «A red with lots of character and intensity with walnut and blackberry character. Full and velvety textured. » - James Suckling, USA, April 2016
- . **SILVER Medal - London International Wine Challenge**: « Attractive floral leafy blackcurrant aromas. Concentrated black fruit and spice palate with fresh leafy edge..» - GB, May 2017.
- . **GOLD Medal** - Concours des Vignerons Indépendants 2018, France.

YIELD : 45 hl/ha

DATES OF HARVEST : From September 16 to October 8.

TASTING NOTES : Purplish crimson hue. The nose is still discreet with toasted notes and blackberry and blueberry aromas. The voluptuous palate is underpinned by elegant tannins. The finish just goes on and on...

Best drinking time : 2021 - 2031



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

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