



# L'Ancien

**LALANDE DE POMEROL - VINTAGE 2007**



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, a few high-quality plots were selected to produce a wine in a very low quantity, l'Ancien, which stands at the very top of the Appellation.

**SOIL TYPE :** Micro-selection from 36 hectares of vineyards planted on the geological prolongation of the Pomerol plateau in 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, mostly by hand.

**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, fully fermented in new French oak barrels in an air-conditioned cellar.



**BLEND :** 100% Merlot

**YIELD :** 30 hl/ha

**AGEING :** 100% in new oak barrels

**DATE OF HARVEST :** September 25

**WEATHER CONDITIONS :**

A mild winter followed by record-breaking high temperatures in April resulted in an early onset of the vegetative cycle. Regular, short rainfall events during the spring and summer, and a wonderful September!

**TASTING NOTES :**

Intense black-ruby colour. Nose wonderfully complex with harmonious layers of toasted oak, vanilla, redcurrant and black cherry. Fresh and subtle palate on entry, then impeccably balanced by generous, firm tannins. Terrific length.

Best drinking time : 2013 - 2020

**PRESS RELEASES (extract) :**

. **17/20 et Coup de Cœur Le Point** : « Tobacco on the nose, a little closed, supple in the mouth, soft, elegant, fresh, little tannins with great finesse. Long, fine, elegant. » - Jacques Dupont, France, May 2008.

. **89/100 guide Gilbert & Gaillard 2011** : « Intense colour with crimson highlights. Deep nose of ripe fruit slightly perceptible toasted accents. Seductively full mouthfeel, well-integrated tannins and length. On the finish, the fruit leads into a welcome vanilla touch. » - France, January 2010.



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

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