



# L'Ancien

**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, 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 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, 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 :** 28 hl/ha

**AGEING :** 100% new oak barrels

**DATE OF HARVEST :** October 6

**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.

**TASTING NOTES :**

Intense, bright purple colour. Forward aromas of black berries, spices and hazelnut. Straightforward on entry, with a generous mouthfeel and fine, racy tannins. A very long finish.  
Best drinking time : 2021 - 2029

**PRESS RELEASES (extract) :**

- . 91/100 [JamesSuckling.com](http://JamesSuckling.com) : « Aromas of flowers, white pepper and hot stones follow through to a full body, a dense center palate and chewy tannins. A little extracted. Needs two or three years to soften.» James Suckling, USA, February 2017.
- . 88-89/100 [JamesSuckling.com](http://JamesSuckling.com) : « Soft and silky tanins with very good fruits, firm tannins and a clean finish.» James Suckling, USA, March 2015.



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

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