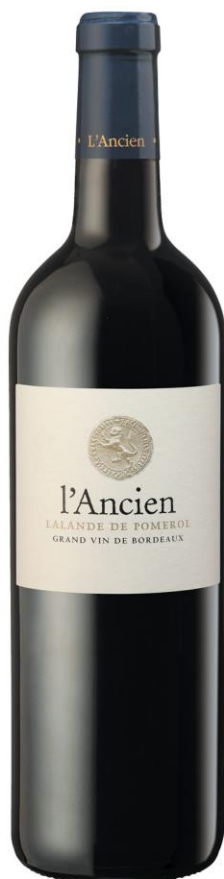




L'Ancien

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



BLEND : 100% Merlot

YIELD : 27 hl/ha

AGEING : 100% new oak barrels

DATE OF HARVEST : October 1

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.

TASTING NOTES :

Dense, bright, almost black, hue, generous bouquet of blackcurrants, liquorice and spices. Big on the palate with powerful, melted tannins. Never-ending finish. Best drinking time : 2025 - 2035

PRESS RELEASES (extract) :

- . 92-93/100 JamesSuckling.com : « Wow. Lalande de Pomerol ? What depth and tannin tension. Full body, loads of chocolate and dark berry character. Fresh Finish.» James Suckling, USA, April 2016.
- . 14,5/20 [Le Point](http://LePoint.com) : « Black fruits, tightly knit structure, still shut down at this point but promising.» Jacques Dupont, France, May 2016.



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