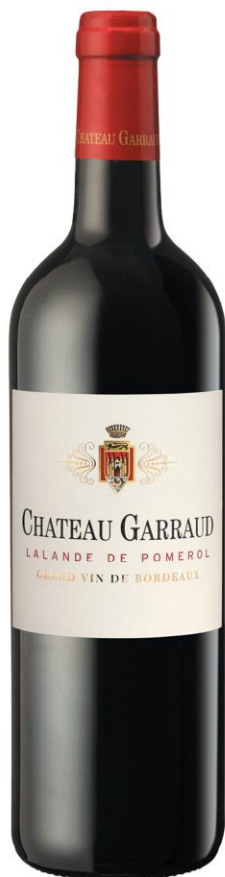




CHATEAU GARRAUD

LALANDE DE POMEROL - VINTAGE 2008



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 27 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 : 74% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Franc, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGEING : 32% in new oak barrels, 59% in 1 and 2 years old barrels, 9% in vats.

WEATHER CONDITIONS : A late bud break followed by alternate periods of rain and sunshine in the spring. July was very nice, August was variable, September was terrific.

YIELD : 37 hl/ha

DATES OF HARVEST : From September 30 to October 17.

TASTING NOTES : Intense red colour with garnet hues. Very elegant and harmonious bouquet of cherry, red berries, caramel and hazelnut. Savoury flavours that reveal a smooth body layered with soft tannins. Long, intense finish.
Best drinking time : 2014 - 2019

PRESS RELEASES (extract) :

- . 16/20 **Decanter.com** : « Fine, firm with expressive dark fruit aromas. Good length on the finish. Balanced weight and style. » Great Britain, April 2009.
- . 15,5/20 **Le POINT** : « Black fruit aromas with oaky, violet and floral notes, supple and round body, spicy mouthfeel, nice and firm tannins, great extraction, good length. A slightly tight finish. » - Jacques DUPONT, France, May 2009.
- . 15,5-17,5/20 **Revue du Vin de France** : « Exquisite nose, intense plum and blackcurrant jam aromas mixed with smoky notes. Well-structured tannins, plenty of fruit and freshness. Promising.» - France, June 2009.
- . **GOLD Medal, Concours des Vins des Vignerons Indépendants 2011**, France.



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

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