



## CARRUADES DE LAFITE 2019



At Lafite, we hesitated for a long time over the best moment to start picking. We took the plunge on September 19th with our finest Merlots. Then came a rainy spell of a few days that was beneficial, lowering the degrees and bringing our Cabernets Sauvignons to perfect ripeness.

The first tastings, after running the wines off skins, left us amazed : the wines are pure, with a very precise ripe style.

This year again, Carruades has benefited from the surgical plot division work that we are doing in the Anseillan plots. We pushed ripening until October 7th, at the risk of suffering deterioration in the health of the grapes.

But the gamble paid off, with a beneficial result for the Carruades blend, but also for Lafite... part of this terroir exceeded even our expectations by finishing in the Grand Vin this year. The great Merlots have given very nice extra flesh to the final result, also joined in the blend by our best Cabernet Francs.

*Bud burst : 27 March*

*Mid-Flowering : 4 June*

*Mid-Véraison : from 8 to 12 August*

*Harvest : from 19 September to 7  
October*

*Blend : 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27%  
Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc*