Château Lalande-Borie 2018

Pour la petite histoire :

Le Château Lalande-Borie a été créé par Jean-Eugène Borie en 1970. Il occupe une trentaine d'hectares, sur le plateau occidental de l'aire d'AOC St-Julien qu'il partage avec plusieurs grands crus classés réputés de Saint-Julien.

Notes de dégustation de notre maître de chai (Mars 2019) :

Robe : grenat foncé

Nez : attaque fruitée avec des arômes de fruits rouges

En bouche : belle ampleur, un vin sphérique, très charmeur, belle finale. Beaucoup de séduction

Désormais, un cru bien à part, avec sa propre identité, un vin subtil et racé

L'assemblage :

- **60 %** Merlot Noir
- **40 %** Cabernet-Sauvignon

L'analyse révèle :

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D°	**14,5%**
Acidité totale (H2SO4 g/l)	**3,55**
pH	**3,77**
IPT	**90**

Notre engagement :

L'échantillon présenté a été prélevé sur le lot définitif d'assemblage réalisé au premier trimestre 2019.

*Ce Lalande-Borie 2018 sera élevé **douze mois** en barriques bordelaises dont **30% de bois neuf** et le solde en fûts de un vin (douze mois).*

Chênes d'origine française certifiée, séchage naturel en parc extérieur, minimum trois ans garanti.

Ouillages réguliers pendant les six premiers mois, soutirages tous les deux ou trois mois pour un total de quatre.

Mise en bouteilles stérile sous gaz inerte. Bouchage liège naturel 49mm.

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

by Jeff Leve

2018 Lalande-Borie – It is hard to find a better value in the Left Bank than Lalande-Borie. Forward, open, ripe and already expressing its fruity side, the flowery, sweet, earthy red fruits and soft, round textures with just a hint of licorice and smoke really hits the spot. The wine blends 60% Merlot with 40% Cabernet Sauvignon. 89-91

JEB DUNNUCK

A blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2018 Château Lalande-Borie knocks it out of the park in the vintage and has a brilliant, full-bodied style as well as sexy notes of cassis, blueberries, violets, and spice box. With terrific ripeness, notable purity, and a balanced, layered texture, it's going to drink nicely right out of the gate yet keep for two decades. It appears to be the finest vintage of this cuvée I've tasted.

vvWine

by Adrian van Velsen

18+ vvPunkte (91-93 / 100): 2018 Château Lalande Borie *(0,9 - 1 Nombre de grammes par baie 60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet 14,5%, pH 3,7, par de plus jeunes vignes à partir d' un emplacement à côté de Château Lagrange.):* Deep Dark , Très beau nez, feinduftig, subtilement floral, un fruit mûr mais pas trop mûrs, d' épices, de très bonne complexité. La bouche est maigre, précis, bien, fruit mûr, moyennement corsé, tanins fins bien dose, le fruit est très délicate, montrant les mûres et de cassis. Dans la finition avec une saveur merveilleuse. Équilibrée, simple, juteux et harmonieux. Très réussi. 2025-2040 (Dégusté du Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, sur 4/5/2019)

winedoctor by Chris Kissack

Château Lalande-Borie 2018: The Lalande-Borie vines are at the western end of Bruno Borie's vineyards, and they were only slightly troubled by mildew in this vintage, with no significant reduction in yields. The blend is 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, a typical blend for this property. The yield was just 35 hl/ha. The alcohol here is 14.5%, with pH 3.77. It presents a beautifully pure, rich and expressive nose, with black cherry, damson and currant fruits. The palate is no less impressive, being full, broad and textured, with creamed blackcurrant, black cherry, damson and black bean flavours, underpinned by a bed of tightly grained and well polished tannins. This is hugely impressive for Lalande-Borie, surely one the of the best wines from this estate I recall tasting. A very smart wine indeed. The *élevage* will be twelve months in barrels, including 30% new French oak. 93-95/100

Wine Spectator

by James Molesworth

CHÂTEAU LALANDE-BORIE St.-Julien 2018 *Score: 90-93*

Juicy and inviting in feel, with blueberry and blackberry compote flavors. Shows a good bolt of singed mesquite through the finish. On the showy side and very tasty.—*J.M.*

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CHÂTEAU LALANDE-BORIE ST.-JULIEN 2018

A red with lots of blackberry and currant aromas and flavors. Full body, firm tannins and a salty finish. Minerally.

Decanter

by Jane Anson

The colour on these wines is wonderful, clearly showing just how easy the extraction was in 2018 - an IPT of 90 in the Lalande Borie has got to be a record. They have handled the wine extremely well this year, showing tension through the palate between beautiful freshness, firm tannins and juicy, appetising fruit. It's unquestionably powerful, and you are definitely getting a lot of bang for your buck here. Very drinkable. 35hl/ha yield.

Jeannie Cho Lee

Master of Wine

A deep, rich sumptuous Lalande-Borie with more concentration than usual. The tannins are dense but not obtrusive or rough - it is velvety and supple. Impressive wine with a long finish.

vinous

by Antonio Galloni

The 2018 Lalande-Borie is pliant, supple and wonderfully inviting. Bright floral notes perk up the red/purplish berry fruit in a silky, succulent Saint-Julien that will drink well right out of the gate. In the glass, the 2018 is heady and alluring, and yet it retains its classic mid-weight personality and structure. Readers will have a hard time keeping their hands off this jewel of a wine. The blend is 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon.

matthewjukes

THE BORDEAUX REPORT

Château Lalande-Borie (Saint-Julien - from the Ducru-Beaucaillou portfolio)

(60 Merlot, 40 Cabernet Sauvignon) | 40% new oak for 12 months | 14.5% alc | 3.77 pH | 90 IPT

Even though Merlot leads the way it behaves like Cabernet in this wine. As Bruno Borie explained rather cryptically, 'the Merlot was Médoc before being Merlot'. This is an extraordinary wine with incredible impact and depth and it is a stunning example of Lalande Borie with amazing balance on board already. It will drink soon and then it will age for longer than expected, too. Without doubt the most remarkable Lalande-Borie I have ever seen, this is a superb wine from start to finish. **17.5+**