



CHATEAU LAGRANGE

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855

SAINT-JULIEN

2022

TERROIR

Completely situated in the village of Saint-Julien, the vineyard of Chateau Lagrange represents 118 hectares in red vines, spread over two hills with the slopes directed towards the North and the South, in one block. The subsoil is of clay and limestone and the topsoil is of pebbles and gravel. The climate is temperate and oceanic.

THE VINTAGE

The vines' impressive resilience on the property's gravelly terroirs was not even pushed to its limit by the unique weather conditions of 2022! Once again, we have proof that the vine plants possess the necessary resources to face challenging, sometimes extreme, weather conditions. The cool, refreshing nights had a buffer effect on the extraordinarily high daytime temperatures in this the hottest ever vintage on record in Bordeaux. The grapes were quite unique, small, concentrated and ripe with a disconcerting acidity. We harvested little but great! We are privileged to be able to write some of the most remarkable pages of the Domaine's history: the fact is that Bordeaux has probably produced the greatest vintage of the last fifty years.



Blend	86% Cabernet Sauvignon 12% Merlot 2% Petit Verdot
Planting Density	8 700 to 10 000 vines / hectare
Harvest	From September 8th to September 30th Grapes are hand-picked into individual crates A first selection is done by hand on whole bunches, and a second one grape by grape with an optical camera
Vinification	Plot by plot and intra plot vinification 102 thermo-regulated stainless steel vats for 103 vine plots Variable capacity of the vats : 36 to 220 hl Selection of batch conducted according to the varietal, age of vines, terroir and grapes maturity. Traditional vinification at 26-28 °C during 18 to 25 days Moderate pumping-over every day, or pigeage or delestage Malo lactic fermentation through co inoculation
Average age of the vine	45 years
% of first Label	40%
Barrel Ageing	Blending in January Maturation for 21 months 60 % of new oak barrels Fining in barrel with fresh egg-whites Final blending before bottling
Tasting Window	2026 - 2055

TASTING NOTE

The Merlots are magnificent, but it is the Cabernet Sauvignons that dominate, coming in at a new estate record of 86 % in the blend. They combine density, freshness and length: the signature of the very top Médoc vintages. We delight in the blackcurrant, morello cherry and liquorice notes. The 12% of Merlots represents, on the contrary, a record low proportion at Lagrange. The 2% of Petit Verdots completes the mid-palate with pear and black pepper aromas. A strict selection has been performed again this year, with only 40% of Château Lagrange grand vin in this exceptional vintage. The unquestionable quality of this 2022 vintage is as high as the yield is low, we even harvested a little less than in 2021. Everything is there in this wine, nothing out of place, like a perfectly round sphere, dense, velvety and vibrant, the ultimate harmony.

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