

# Les Fiefs de Lagrange

SAINT-JULIEN

2019

## 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

2019, just like 2018, will be remembered for its really contrasting weather. We had a cold, wet spring, and then a dry, hot summer with recordbreaking sunshine ! This was the longest harvest we had ever seen. The berry weight was the lowest of the last 36 years at Lagrange. We took a gamble stopping for a while between the Merlot and the Cabernet, judging the latter's phenolic maturity not in adequacy with its technological maturity. It was important not to rush, tasting the grapes daily as the skins became gradually thinner and aromas were progressively revealed: we harvested the richest grapes in the domaine's modern history.



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| Blend                   | 53% Cabernet Sauvignon<br>44% Merlot<br>3% Petit Verdot   |
| Planting Density        | 8 700 to 10 000 vines / hectare   |
| Harvest                 | From September 18th to October 14th 2019<br>Grapes are handpicked into individual crates<br>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<br>102 thermo-regulated stainless-steel vats of variable capacity (36 to 220 hl) for 103 plots<br>The selection of batch is conducted according to the varietal, age of vines, terroirs and grapes maturity.<br>Vinification at 26-28 °C during 18 to 25 days<br>Moderate pumping-over every day, or delestage or pigeage<br>Malo lactic fermentation through co inoculation |
| Average age of the vine | 28 years  |
| % of second Label       | 67%   |
| Barrel Ageing           | Blending in January<br>Maturation for 13 months<br>20 % of new oak barrels<br>Fining in barrel with fresh egg-whites<br>Final blending before bottling  |
| Tasting Window          | 2022-2040   |

## TASTING NOTE

Les Fiefs de Lagrange 2019 may surprise you with its pure harmony! The nose offers a subtle marriage of black and red fruit, peppered with spicy notes. The palate is generous, creamy and smooth. A pleasant freshness brings balance to this wine that could be approachable young. But make no mistake, this is a bottle that will also continue to amaze us for the next 20 years!

