

# Les Fiefs de Lagrange

SAINT-JULIEN

2020

## TERROIR

Completely situated in the village of Saint-Julien, the vineyard of Château 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

2020, a unique year in so many ways, will forever remain in our memories. Our work routines were upset by the pandemic and our capacity to adapt to the situation, and stay on track, was essential both for the property and the staff. As in 2019, we had record annual rainfall. The mild winter provoked an early budburst and this advance continued right through to the harvest. The grapes were small, with skins rich in polyphenols. The Merlots are magnificent, boasting an opulence accentuated by the historically low yields. The decision was made to stop for 4 days before picking the Cabernets, to allow the tannins and aromas to develop to perfection : this variety brings power, freshness and length to the wines.



Blend	47% Cabernet Sauvignon 44% Merlot 9% Petit Verdot
Planting Density	7 500 to 10 000 vines / hectare
Harvest	From September 16th to October 2nd 2020 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	The contents of vats are selected according to the grape varieties, the age of the vines, the « terroir » and the maturity 220 hl stainless steel vats with thermo regulation Vinification at 26-28 °C during 15 to 22 days Moderate pumping-over every day, or delestage or pigeage Malo lactic fermentation through co inoculation
Average age of the vine	30 years
% of second Label	62%
Barrel Ageing	Blending in January Maturation for 13 months. 20 % of new oak barrels Fining in barrel with fresh egg-whites Final blending before bottling
Tasting Window	2023 - 2040

## TASTING NOTE

Produced from vines on average 30 years old, and with the clear intention of offering so much more than a 'second wine', Les Fiefs de Lagrange is always one of the best value Saint Julien wines. The 2020 is no exception. A true reflection of the appellation's elegant and harmonious style, this vintage will be enjoyable almost immediately. As in the Château Lagrange Grand Vin, black and red fruit aromas predominate. The tangy fresh entry is followed by an ample mid-palate and a nice long finish. All the ingredients are there to allow an excellent ageing in the cellar for the more patient wine lovers too.

