



2018 Château Lalande-Borie

The story:

Château Lalande-Borie was created by Jean-Eugène BORIE in 1970. It occupies thirty hectares, of which twenty-five are vineyards, on the western plateau of Saint Julien, alongside some of the greatest classified growths of the appellation.

Cellar Master Tasting Notes (March 2019):

Color : deep garnet

Nose : fruity attack followed by red fruit aromas

Palate : generous structure, a spherical wine, great charm, fine finish. Very seductive.

From now on, a wine in its own right, with its own identity, subtle and with style.

The blend:

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

Technical details:

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Alcohol by volume	14,5 %
Total acidity (H ₂ SO ₄ g/l)	3,55
pH	3,77
Phenolic index	90

Our commitment:

The sample shown was taken from the definitive selection carried out in the first quarter of 2019.

*This Lalande-Borie 2018 will be aged for **12 months** in Bordeaux barrels, **30% new**, the rest in barrels which have been used for only 12 months.*

Barrels of certified French oak, naturally dried outdoors, for a guaranteed minimum of three years.

Regular topping up during the first six months, rackings every two or three months for a total of four rackings.

Sterile bottling under inert gas. Natural 49 mm corks.

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**

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.

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)

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 🍷

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.*

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.

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.

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.

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.

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+**

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