

CHÂTEAU

La Pointe

GRAND VIN
DE POMEROL

WE NARROWLY AVOIDED THE WORST, ONLY TO ACHIEVE THE BEST

CHARACTERISTICS & TERROIR

Vintage: 2025

Production: 62 000 bottles

Blend: 88% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol degree: 14% ABV

Appellation: Pomerol – **Sub-region:** Right Bank – **Region:** Bordeaux

Vineyard and soil: 26 hectares (~ 64 acres) on sandy-gravelly-clayey soils

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Winegrowing: agroecology

Vinification and Ageing: traditional Bordeaux methods

Owner: SCE Château La Pointe

General Manager: Eric Monneret

Technical Director: Pierre Candelier

WEATHER CONDITIONS

The harvest season is always a unique moment, marking the culmination of an entire year's journey. The 2025 vintage will remain etched in the memories of those who lived through it as a narrative of incredible intensity followed by a miraculous turnaround.

Until July, the vintage showed every sign of being exceptional, unfolding like an ideal scenario. Then, the rain stopped. Not a single drop fell; not even a brief summer storm.

By mid-summer, the great trees and the estate's park were already displaying autumnal colors. As the drought intensified, so did the team's anxiety. We began to fear the worst.

Then, just as hope was fading, the rain finally arrived. Two key dates, August 20th and 29th, brought 25 mm and 27 mm respectively, saving the crop just in time. It was *in extremis*.

The vineyard began to breathe again. This vintage was truly won by the narrowest of margins.

Selecting the harvest date remains the ultimate decision. To capture phenolic maturity, there is no better method than tasting the berries, plot by plot, to identify the exact moment when perfect balance is achieved. Very quickly, our anxiety gave way to relief: the quality is remarkable, and above all, the 2025 vintage is incredibly consistent.

VINTAGE REVIEW

Admittedly, the Mediterranean and Oriental origins of the vine provide a genetic resilience to drought, which is a necessary asset, yet not a sufficient one. This year of extreme conditions reminds us that Merlot is capable of producing truly great wines if, and only if, it is grown on appropriate, cooler terroirs with a high proportion of clay, as is the case for the vast majority of Château La Pointe. Furthermore, one must be able to observe the vineyard, understand its nuances, and commit to adapting through bespoke cultivation practices. This philosophy, shared by the entire team, fuels our agroecological commitment: 'we reap what we sow.'

2025 presents itself as a vintage of tension and emotion. The wine reveals a magnificent balance between alcohol and acidity, featuring superb, particularly silky tannins and a pH slightly below 3.6. It is a remarkable synthesis of the 2022 and 2016 vintages. Our only regret is the low yield; it is a pity, as the promise of exceptional quality is undoubtedly there.

