



# CHATEAU LAGRANGE

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855

SAINT-JULIEN

## 2009

### 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

Surprisingly, 2009 is not a very hot year (nowhere near the heat-wave of 2003), nor is it a very dry one such as 2002 or 2005. However, the arrival of rainfall and warmth corresponded perfectly to the vine's needs during its growth cycle. Very good climatic conditions during the months of August, September and October. The last 10 days of September and the first of October were even the best of the year.



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| Blend                   | 73% Cabernet Sauvignon<br>27% Merlot  |
| Planting Density        | From 8 700 to 10 000 vines / hectare  |
| Harvest                 | From September the 28th to October 16th 2009.<br>Grapes are hand-picked 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>Thermo-regulated stainless-steel vats of variable capacity<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 15 to 22 days<br>Moderate pumping-over every day, or delestage or pigeage<br>Malo lactic fermentation through co inoculation |
| Average age of the vine | 40 years  |
| % of first Label        | 47%   |
| Barrel Ageing           | Blending in January<br>Maturation for 18 to 21 months. 60 % of new oak barrels<br>Finishing in barrel with fresh egg-whites<br>Final blending before bottling   |
| Tasting Window          | 2015-2050   |

### TASTING NOTE

Lots of blackberry, blackcurrant and liquorice on the nose, powerful and racy tannins like we are expecting at Saint-Julien. Magnificent richness of texture, harmonious with cedar and truffles, a perfect balance for this wine which has one of the largest window of tasting ever !

