

# Les Tiefs de Lagrange

SAINT-JULIEN

2017

## 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

2017 was early and contrasted. The total rainfall is lower than the average of the last twenty years. The month of April was particularly dry. The cool nights culminated in severe frost on the 27th April. Spring was warm with average rainfall. Flowering occurred early, quickly and in ideal conditions. The summer was warm and dry until September 8th. A tremendous work carried out to mark 250 000 vine stocks during colour change made the intra-plot selection process easier at harvest-time.



Blend	50% Merlot 47% Cabernet Sauvignon 3% Merlot
Planting Density	8 700 to 10 000 vines / hectare
Harvest	From September the 13th to October the 4th 2017. 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	Plot by plot and intra plot vinification 102 thermo-regulated stainless steel vats for 103 vine plots Variable capacity of the vats : 36 to 220 hl Selection of batch conducted according to the varietal, age of vines, terroir and grapes maturity. Traditional vinification at 26-28 °C during 18 to 25 days Moderate pumping-over every day, or pigeage or delestage Malo lactic fermentation through co inoculation
Average age of the vine	29 years
% of second Label	45%
Barrel Ageing	Blending in January Maturation for 14 months. 20 % of new oak barrels Fining in barrel with fresh egg-whites Final blending before bottling
Tasting Window	2020 - 2035

## TASTING NOTE

An intense colour for this vintage, that was produced in very limited quantity. The nose presents notes of blackcurrant, cherry and raspberry. Surprisingly fresh, the wine shows silky tannins, and a certain ageing potential. This vintage will amaze you with its elegance and its accessibility.

