

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855 SAINT-JULIEN

2012

## 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

A complex climate characterized by cold in February, dryness in February, March, August, September, and by heavy rains in April, June and October.



Blend 67% Cabernet Sauvignon 30% Merlot 3% Petit Verdot

Planting Density 8 700 to 10 000 vines / hectare

Harvest From the 8th of October to the 21st of October 2012.

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 in 102 thermo-regulated

stainless-steel vats of variable capacity (36 to 220 hl) for 103 plots. The selection of batch is conducted according to the varietal, age of

vines, terroirs and grapes maturity.

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 40 years

% of first Label 35%

Barrel Ageing Blending in January

Maturation for 21 months. 60 % of new oak barrels

Fining in barrel with fresh egg-whites Final blending before bottling

Tasting Window 2017 - 2030

## TASTING NOTE

Dark red with tangy notes of cassis and black cherry, the nose is very expressive. The palate is silky, smooth, almost creamy. A very harmonious and balanced wine that impresses with the characteristic elegance of the vintage.