



CHATEAU LAGRANGE

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855

SAINT-JULIEN

2023

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

Appearances were deceptive in 2023 : The episodes of rain occurred mainly outside of the vines' growth period, enabling the soils' hydric reserves to be replenished. It was eventually a hot, early ripening year which produced grapes at perfect maturity. The skills of our technical teams allowed us to thwart the difficulties that we faced in June and arrive fully prepared for the summer season and the coming harvest. The serenity of the harvest showed on the happy, smiling faces of the teams, rewarded at last with a crop that was generous and in perfect health. There were no less than 113 batches in total - a record number that allowed us even greater precision in the work of blending.



Blend	84% Cabernet Sauvignon 16% Merlot
Planting Density	8 700 to 10 000 vines / hectare
Harvest	From September 13 to October 7 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	45 years
Barrel Ageing	Blending in January Maturation for 21 months 50 % of new oak barrels Fining in barrel with fresh egg-whites Final blending before bottling
Tasting Window	2027 - 2060

TASTING NOTE

The Merlots represent 16% of the blend. They are ripe, rich, contrasting with the freshness and density of the 84% of Cabernet Sauvignons, which had everything that we look for when making a Grand Vin. Two opposing yet complementary worlds, creating tension in the wine. On the nose, fresh fruit notes dominate, with blackcurrant, morello cherry and liquorice. The press wines, which are essential to making a Grand Vin, were sumptuous, and give the wine a third dimension that will carry it effortlessly through the ages. Strict selection, which resulted in only 42% of Chateau Lagrange being produced, has allowed us to guarantee irreproachable quality. If, for some, the challenge of this magnificent 2023 vintage will be to exist alongside the exceptional 2022, for us it will remain a remarkable vintage for many reasons, and celebrates in the finest possible manner 40 years in the benevolent care of our Japanese owner.

