



CHÂTEAU LES HAUTS-CONSEILLANTS / Lalande de Pomerol

A crazy dream

Les Hauts-Conseillants? The dream of a tenacious man, who was often unreasonable, and certainly crazy about wine. Conceiving and building projects, Leopold Figeac did that all of his life. Which is why he felt able to follow through a project that had entranced him for years: to put his signature to restoring a forgotten piece of fine terroir. Here we are at the beginning of the 1970s, in Lalande de Pomerol, in full crisis but the moment chosen to begin a quality revolution.

Lalande... de Pomerol!

Preparing, draining, planting, everything was done from scratch on this beautifully gravelly terroir, shot through with sandy-clay, recognized by critics for its success from the very first vintage. It takes part of its name from Pomerol, reflecting its tannins and the century of experience of the Figeac-Bourotte family in this neighbouring appellation. All the rest comes from its own delicate, seductive personality.

A long-term love affair

Almost 40 years have proved that this initial folly was in fact entirely reasonable: the family continues to prove day after day that this vineyard – which has now reached full maturity – produces superlative wines each year. The aromas are heady and exuberant, touched by natural silkiness, that meet with depth and complexity. The love story continues with a wine that is both feminine and developing.

OTHER FAMILY WINES: **Pomerol**: Clos du Clocher, Château Bonalgue, Château Monregard La Croix, Château Burgrave, Château Beauséjour de Bonalgue / **Lalande de Pomerol**: Château Les Hautes-Tuileries / **Lussac Saint-Emilion**: Château du Courlat, Château Les Echevins.



"Fat and fleshy!" Robert Parker

"Lots of character: a great wine"

Neal Martin, The Wine Journal

"Full and ripe!" Wine Spectator

"Always good wines" Guide Hachette

Appellation: Lalande de Pomerol

Owner: The Figeac-Bourotte family

Director: Jean-Baptiste Bourotte

Consultant Winemaker: Michel Rolland's team

Orientation of the estate: Eco-friendly integrated agriculture. Estate engaged in a global environmental strategy.

Surface area: 10 hectares

Soils: 6 ha sandy-clayey at the surface, with gravelly subsoil (Chevol plateau in Néac), and 4 ha on a gravelly outcrop that contains 10% clay (in Lalande)

Grape varieties: 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

Vine density: 6,000 - 8,000 vines per hectare, according to the plot

Average age of vines: 32 years old

Pruning: guyot double and guyot simple

Soil management: traditional by machine, plus removal of grass cover without chemicals

Green works: trimming if needed at veraison

Harvesting: Mechanical with sorting process embarked on the machine followed by sorting out on a vibrating table

Vats: thermoregulated cement and stainless steel

Vinification: plot by plot ; manual pumping over, maceration for around one month, pneumatic press

Ageing: 15 months in fine-grained French oak barrels (1/3 new, 1/3 one wine, 1/3 two wines). 1-2 rackings per year

Annual production: 50,000 bottles



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