

CHATEAU LA MENOTTE

AOC Lalande de Pomerol Red



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BACKGROUND

This small family-property is ideally situated in the middle of the Lalande de Pomerol appellation in Néac. This small winegrowing appellation totalling just 1,100 hectares lies north of the town of Libourne and is bordered by the Pomerol appellation to the south, with just the Barbanne river forming the line of separation, and by the Montagne Saint-Emilion appellation to the east. The wine is vinified with great care by the SIMON family. The Merlot is dominant and the wine shows all the richness, fineness and elegance of this exceptional terroir.

SURFACE 6 ha

AVERAGE AGE OF VINES 30 years

GRAPE VARIETIES 80% Merlot Noir, 20% Cabernet Franc

TERROIR

The vines are planted on sandy gravel with a subsoil of ferrous oxide.

WINEMAKING/MATURING

Vineyard management follows normal procedures: high plantation density, manual pruning in double guyot and the soil is turned. At the end of the growth cycle, green harvests and leaf-thinning are carried out, if necessary, depending on weather conditions and assessment of production. Harvests are gathered manually with great care. So grapes harvested at their peak of ripeness are sorted once they arrive at the vat house, before being sent to the vats. Alcoholic fermentation begins inside temperature-controlled vats. Once this fermentation process is completed and all the sugars are transformed, we run off the wine from the vats and proceed with pressing the grape pomace in a pneumatic press. The wines then continue with their malo-lactic fermentation in vats. This stage commences the maturation period in vats, lasting approximately 18 months. At the end of maturation, a blend tasting process will determine a very careful selection of the best batches. The wine is then lightly filtered before being bottled at the estate.

► VINTAGE 2020

TASTING NOTES

Château La Menotte Lalande de Pomerol from the Right Bank of Bordeaux is one of the great discoveries for us recently at an everyday price point. Nice, fruit forward, with red fruit and spice, in particular cherry. Nice smooth tannins, fresh finish and a surprisingly long finish for a wine this young.

AGEING

To drink from 2022. Ageing 5 to 10 years.

Blend

Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

BOTTLING

Bottled at the château