



## Château Lalande de Gravelong Médoc AOC

BORDEAUX (FRANCE)

The vineyard of Lalande de Gravelongue is located in Queyrac on gravels croups with argillaceous subsoil, just few kilometers from the cellars of Château Saint Hilaire. Bought in 2006 by Adrien Uittevwaal who gave it a second breath, Château Gemeillan has been recognized as "Cru Bourgeois" since 2009.

**Grapes:** 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Merlot & 5% Cabernet Franc

**Viticulture:** Soil is superficial graves, clay subsoil. 12 months in French oak barrique.

**Alcohol:** 13% vol.

**Appearance:** Dark ruby

**Nose:** Rich, ripe red cherries.

**Palate:** Strawberries, raspberries, black cherries with cocoa nibs, integrated tannins.

**Food Pairings:** Lamb, beef or mushroom dishes.



## Bordeaux Wine Region of France

**Climate:** Temperate climate, short winters and a high degree of humidity due its closeness to the Atlantic.

The **Bordeaux** wine region is named after the region's main city, Bordeaux and is divided by the Gironde estuary with the majority of the vineyards located either on its "right" or "left" bank. There are many sub-zones along both banks known for their exceptional quality such as: Margaux, Saint-Julien, **Pauillac**, Saint-Estephe, Médoc, Saint-Emilion, and Pomerol to name a few. The current permissible red grapes allowed are: **Merlot**, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Cabernet Franc**, Malbec and Petite Verdot. Common white grapes allowed are Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Muscadelle.

Bordeaux is one of the most important wine regions in the world with its complicated system of classifying reds from the Chateau's in the Médoc by quality from Fifth to First Growth. The great **Classification of 1855** was ordered by Napoleon III and still holds today. Only one white wine was included in this honored classification, Château d'Yquem which produces a famous dessert wine called Sauternes.

In a broad sense, the term **Médoc** is typically coined as the geographical area of the Left Bank. However, the AOC is comprised of these sub-regions: Haut-Médoc AOC, Margaux AOC, Listrac-Médoc AOC, Moulis-en-Médoc AOC, Saint-Julien AOC, Pauillac AOC, Saint-Estèphe AOC. Many of these are included in the Classification of 1855, however **Médoc** proper is not.