



## Chateau Lafargue Pessac-Leognan Rouge BORDEAUX (FRANCE)

Family estate situated in the heart of the Pessac-Léognan appellation, in Martillac and Saint Medard d'Eyrans. 18.5 hectares in total. The Lafargue castle is a family property. At its head is Jean-Pierre Leymarie, who was born on this property and is the 3rd generation to run the estate. He succeeded his father in 1983 and supports the property's 2 hectares of vines. Their philosophy is to build on viticulture, taking rents, buying plots, planting, investing gradually in equipment, buildings and thus developing the vineyard consistently.

**Grapes:** Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot

**Viticulture:** Gravelly hillsides and sandy clay soil; hand-picked and mechanically picked at optimum ripeness, extremely rigorous selection criteria

**Viniculture:** Stainless steel tanks with maceration and micro-bubbling. Aged in oak barrels - 12 and 15 months (18 months for the Prestige)

**Alcohol:** 13.5 % vol.

**Appearance:** Garnet and ruby.

**Nose:** Fresh plum, cassis, blackberry jam with a hint of white pepper, tobacco and brioche.

**Palate:** Blackberry, currant, cassis with a note of roasted coffee.

**Pairings:** roast beef, roasted meats, scalloped potatoes, demi-glace blue cheese

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## 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. 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.

**Pessac-Leognan** is in the northern part of the Graves region of Bordeaux. Unlike most Bordeaux appellations, Pessac-Léognan is equally famous for both red and (dry) white wines, although red wine is still predominant. It includes the only red-wine producer outside the Haut-Médoc classified in the Bordeaux Wine Official Classification of 1855, the premier cru Château Haut-Brion, and also includes all



of the châteaux listed in the 1953/59 classification of Graves.

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