



## La Fleur Chazal Bordeaux Rouge BORDEAUX (FRANCE)

For three generations the Cardarelli family (whose ancestors emigrated from Southern Italy) has produced quality wines in the Bordeaux region. Located near Pomerol, the vineyards for this wine lie on a 400ft high plateau which provides for a full sun exposure. The high plains terroir is the principal reason for the richness and finesse of the La Fleur Chazal wine.

**Website:** [www.chazal-wines.com](http://www.chazal-wines.com)

**Grapes:** 70% Merlot, 30% Cab Sauvignon

**Viticulture:** 45 year old vines, clay and limestone soil.

**Viniculture:** Aged in concrete vats for 12-18 months.

**Alcohol:** 12.5% vol.

### Tasting Notes

**Appearance:** Ruby red.

**Nose:** Ripe red fruits, raspberry, cherry.

**Palate:** Supple attack in the mouth with well-rounded tannins.

**Food Pairings:** Best with red meats, cold cuts & cheese.



## 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. Note: Carménère, once one of the original red varietals permitted (historically known as Grande Vidure) is rarely used since the grape has difficulty ripening in Bordeaux's climate.

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.

Reds from this region are often described as elegant, earthy and complex with the ability to age for decades in good years from top producers.