

CHÂTEAU LA GRANDE CLOTTE



La Grande Clotte Rouge 2018 - Cuvée L'Envolée

The vineyard of Château La Grande Clotte is on one block, composed of clay and limestone soil typical of the Lussac Saint-Emilion appellation. The winegrowers take good care of the 1 hectare of old vines selected to create the finest cuvee "L'Envolée". We use green harvesting techniques to ensure the highest quality. When they are fully ripe, grapes are harvested by hand, before the wine ferment and grows for 16 months in new barrels. This cuvee represents the perfect balance between power, depths, complexity and smoothness.

Winemakers' side notes

This wine is defined by a thick colour. On the nose, it's rich, deep and very complex. This wine is very well-balanced, both delicate and robust at the same time. The ripe and silky tannins coupled with its freshness are signs of exceptional aging potential.

Wine Aging Potential

This wine will reach its full potential in 2026 - 2028. You can keep it in your cellar for 12 to 15 years.

Winemaking Process

We carefully select each homogeneous zone so the grapes brought to the domain's wine cellar are of the same ripeness. Grapes are sorted and destemmed at the moment they enter the cellar. A system of barrel fermentation called "Vinification Integrale" is followed. Each batch is tasted every day so we can adapt the time of skin contact and determine the best concentration. A long maceration time in barrel is set up until we obtain the desired concentration. The aging will take place in the same barrels for approximately 16 months.

2018 Vintage

Years ending with an 8 usually are good fortune! And 2018 was---almost---no exception. Sure, we got soaked during pruning in winter and spent spring fighting mildew, but the vintage took a u-turn in the beginning of July: a glorious summer and early autumn---another Bordeaux region miracle! Summer 2018 was the hottest since 2003 but didn't suffer the same excess and troubles.



Harvest Date

Merlot : October 7

Aging

16 months in new barrels

Blend

Merlot : 100 %

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