

CHÂTEAU LES HAUTS-CONSEILLANTS



LALANDE-DE-POMEROL | BORDEAUX, FRANCE

Lalande-de-Pomerol is a wine appellation of the Right Bank of the Bordeaux region in southwestern France. It lies just to the north of the more-prestigious Pomerol title, in the area known as the Libournais, after the city of Libourne.

Only red wines are classified under the Lalande-de-Pomerol AOP. They are made predominantly from Merlot, but may also contain Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec.

The Barbanne stream separates Pomerol from Lalande-de-Pomerol. This is the same stream that divides Saint-Émilion to the south-east from its less-prestigious satellite appellations. Rivers are of great significance in this part of Bordeaux. They define appellation boundaries, moderating the climate and dictating the make-up of the region's soils.

DESIGNATION

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VARIETY

90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

VINEYARD

Lalande de Pomerol is a 10 hectare, sustainably-farmed vineyard owned by the Figeac-Bourotte family. Sandy-clay at the surface, with gravel subsoil.

PROCESS

Hand-harvested into small crates, carefully double-sorted on a vibrating table and fermented in temperature controlled cement and stainless steel tanks. Aged for 15 months in equal parts new, once-filled and twice-filled fine-grained French oak barrels. Gently racked twice during its time in cellar.

TASTING

A fresh, vibrant nose of wild strawberry, cherry and crushed stone with good delineation and vivacity. A medium-bodied palate with tensile tannins. The angular entry gives way to fresh, pure fruit and proper weight on the crisp, taut finish.

WINERY

Les Hauts-Consellants was the dream of Leopold Figeac—a tenacious man, who was often unreasonable, and certainly crazy about wine. It began with an undertaking in the 1970's that entranced him for years: to put his signature on restoring a forgotten piece of fine terroir and leading a quality revolution.