

CHÂTEAU DE LAMARQUE

HAUT-MÉDOC



In 1839, the Château de Lamarque was bought by the Comte de Fumel, a descendant of an established Quercy family. It is a delightful Haut-Médoc property which is situated on the left bank of the Gironde, to the north of Margaux, on the south of Pauillac and Saint-Julien. Pierre-Gilles and Marie-Hélène Gromand d'Evry are determined to make the best Haut-Médoc wine possible here and have done their utmost to achieve this goal.

The vineyards covers thirty-five hectares, planted on alluvial gravel with a sub-soil of clay, sandstone and red gravels, deep and well-drained. The Château's vineyards lie in three distinctive plots each on a gravel mound. One parcel lies within Lamarque village, just behind the church. A second is opposite Château Malescasse, further south, and then there is a sizeable parcel to the west of the road north. This part of Château de Lamarque borders Moulis and counts Châteaux Poujeaux, Maucaillou and Chasse-Spleen amongst its neighbors.

The varietal planting is 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot but the proportion of each in the finished wine will vary every vintage, dependent both on the conditions of the harvest and on the percentage of vin de presse used. It is worth noting that since 1998 the proportion of Cabernet Franc has gradually been reduced at Château de Lamarque in favour of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, for qualitative reasons. Recently the blend has been around 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot and 5% Petit-Verdot, with the Cabernet Franc going into the property's second wine.

For 25 years, the vinification was carried out under the direction of Professor Emile Peynaud in collaboration with Jacques Boissenot. This remarkable oenologist, who was the spiritual heir of Emile Peynaud, was in sole charge of the vinification at Chateau de Lamarque for decades. Today, Pierre-Gilles Gromand d'Evry along with Jacques Boissenot's son Eric, well known for his work in headline properties such as Lafite, Margaux and Léoville-Barton, are in charge of the vinification and the wine blend.



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