

# CHÂTEAU LES HAUTS-CONSEILLANTS

## LALANDE-DE-POMEROL



The Hauts-Consellants Castle is one of the most famous vineyards of the Lalande de Pomerol appellation. It is the result of the dream of a contractor of Libourne in love with wine, Léopold Figeac. He purchased 1973, four hectares of abandoned vineyards, located at Lalande on light bass clay. With his daughter and son-in-law Pierre Bourotte, already an owner in Pomerol, they enlarged the vineyard by buying about 6 acres of land located on tray argilo-sabloneux of Chevrol to Neac.



The passion and effort expended by the two families for this domain have been quickly successful. The current owner, Jean-Baptiste Bourotte, continues in the way of looking for a better quality. Like its neighbours of Pomerol, the property has a broad majority encépagement in Merlot with 85% of the vineyards. They are characterized by a density of plantation of 6,000 to 8,000 feet per hectare, and an average age of 32 years. The soil consists of two separate parcels: 3 hectares of small graves on sandy lane and 7 basement hectares of sandy loess to Neac. The annual production is about 50 000 bottles. The castle is engaged in an environmental policy global and sustainable viticulture.

### CHÂTEAU LES HAUTS-CONSEILLANTS, LALANDE-DE-POMEROL 2010

**Assembly:** 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc

**Soil:** 6 clay-sandy ha in surface with bass in the basement (Chevrol to Neac Board), and 4 ha on an amazing gritty soil containing 10% clay (to Lalande).

**Age of Vines:** 32 years average

**Vinification:** Parcel winemaking, manual pumping, vatting of about a month, pneumatic press.

**Ageing:** 15 months in barrels of french oak fine grain (new 1/3, 1/3 a wine, 1/3 two wines). 1 to 2 rackings.

*"A blend of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc with a fresh, vibrant nose with crushed strawberry, cherry and crushed stone with very good delineation and vivacity. The palate is medium -bodied with tensile tannins, just a little angular on the entry but very fresh and pure with good weight on the crisp, taut finish. Excellent!"*

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