

# CHÂTEAU PRIEURÉ-LICHINE

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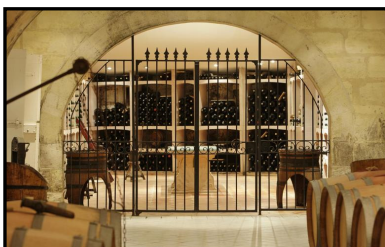
Founded in the Romanesque era by the monks of the Abbey of Vertheuil to serve the parishioners of Saint-Didier de Cantenac, the Priory of Cantenac produced wines renowned in those days for their high quality. Like many estates during the French Revolution, Prieuré- Lichine was seized, split up and sold at auction. Since that time, the vineyard has sold wine under several different names including La Prieuré and Prieure-Cantenac.

In 1951, Alexis Lichine put together a group to purchase the château (which was down to only 11 planted hectares by that time) along with several other châteaux in Margaux. It was renamed Château Prieuré- Lichine, to honor the history of the property and it's new owner.

In October 2013, Prieuré- Lichine increased the size of their vineyards to 77.5 hectares with the purchase of the little known estate of Pontet Chappaz. In late 2013, Château Prieuré-Lichine finished a complete renovation and modernization of their cellars and wine making facilities, giving them the ability to vinify their wine on a true parcel by parcel basis.



The Left Bank vineyard has 70 hectares under vine in Cantenac. The vineyard is planted to 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot. This shows a decrease in the Cabernet Sauvignon, an increase in the Merlot, and all of their Cabernet Franc has been removed since the mid 1990's. The terroir varies, as the vines are well dispersed in several communes, but most of their terroir is gravel, sand and clay based soils in the Cantenac sector. They have hillside elevations that range from 150 to 20 meters at their peak. Their best parcel of vines are situated close to the Château. On average, the vines are kept at about 30 years of age. The vineyard is planted to a vine density of 8,500 vines per hectare. They practice sustainable farming techniques in their vineyard management program at Château Prieuré- Lichine.



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