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Château Franc Lartigue



VINTAGE 2010

REGION Bordeaux

APPELLATION | Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

VARIETAL 70% Merlot

15% Cabernet Franc15% Cabernet Sauvignon

TERROIR Clay, chalk, gravels, sand

INFO 7.86 Ha (19.42 Acres) total vineyard

Over 40 year old vines

Hand harvested

12 to 14 months ageing in French oak barrels

Unfined / Filtered

Sustainable Agriculture Practices

About the Estate:

The vineyard of Château FRANC LARTIGUE is located in the townships of Saint-Emilion and Saint-Sulpice de Faleyrens. The vines are 35 years old on average, planted on clayey, chalky soils, with gravelly and sandy parts, which contribute to its interest and originality. Château FRANC LARTIGUE was the first Saint-Emilion Grand Cru in our Promex Wines selection, in fact, one of the very first wines added to our portfolio at all. 19 years ago, it was already showing nicely in terms of suppleness and bouquet; but since then, and especially thanks to the passion and energy of Jean-Pierre TOXE, Château FRANC LARTIGUE confirmed itself to be a "valeur sure" in our assortment.

Château FRANC LARTIGUE remains the elegant Grand Cru we "detected" 19 years ago, but has reached more complexity, finesse and deepness, richness and balance. Without going too far in modern extraction, Jean-Pierre TOXE provides us a delicate and noble wine we should expect from a round right-bank Merlot. Perfect maturity with good potential and soft tannins, "Classy"... a Grand Cru and "A very Grand Vintage" A constant jewel, belonging to the famous Balthazar NY Wine list for 15 years!

Tasting Notes:

«Dark violet-red hue, with copious glycerin exhibited in the glass. A swarming bouquet of red berries, campfire smoke, and warm rocks captivates the nose. On the palate, the wine is just shy of full-bodied, with excellent concentration, surprising acidity, and a fine tannic backbone. This alluring St. Emilion turns deliciously spicy on the finish. Drink now-2025. 92 Pts SWJ

Press Review:

« Solid, with black currant paste and steeped plum notes lending a hefty feel, while dark licorice and fruitcake accents fill in on the muscular finish. Best from 2015 through 2019. » 89 Points, JM, Wine Spectator, Issue: Nov 30, 2013