

## Château Franc Lartigue



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>REGION</b>	<b>Bordeaux</b>
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>Saint-Emilion Grand Cru</b>
<b>VARIETAL</b>	86% Merlot 14% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14 %
<b>TERROIR</b>	Clay, chalk, gravels, sand.
<b>INFO</b>	7.86 hect. (19.42 acres) vineyard in 10 plots. 35 year old vines on average Hand harvesting: started Sept. 26th for the Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon, then double grapes' hand sorting. 12 months ageing in French oak barrels (Sylvain, Nadalier, Demptos, Quintessence) renew by 1/3 Unfined / Filtered <b>Sustainable Agriculture Practices - HEV 3, farm certified having high environmental value</b>

### 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 deep clayey, chalky sub-soil, with gravelly and sandy soils, 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. 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" 30 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 2018 Vintage". "Density & concentration" R. Voss. "Savory" L. Perrotti: perfectly illustrating it!

### Tasting Notes:

"Blueberry and floral aromas with hints of orange peel follow through to a medium body with a solid center palate of pretty fresh fruit and fine, polished tannins." **92 Pts** James Suckling jamesuckling.com Jan. 21'

### Press Review:

"Bold and rich, this ripe black-currant-flavored wine come from vineyards on the plain below Saint-Emilion center. With the rich Merlot dominant, the wine has density and concentration that will allow it to age" **91 Pts** Roger Voss - Wine Enthusiast April 21'

"The 2018 Franc-Lartigue is plush, dark and enveloping in feel. Black cherry, chocolate, leather, spice and menthol shape the wine's decidedly dark personality, with floral notes that add nuances as this wine sits in the glass..." **87/89 Pts** A.Galloni - Vinous

"Deep garnet-purple colored and gives up backed plums, stewed cherries and mulberries scents with hints of tapenade and fried herbs. Medium to full bodied with a firm, chewy texture and just enough fruit, it finishes savory..." **87/89 Pts** L. Perrotti - Wine Advocate

"Sports a medium ruby hue as well as pretty, perfumed red fruits intermixed with medicinal herbs, flowers and orange blossom-like aromas and flavors. I like its texture, it's medium bodied, has good balance, and solid length on the finish." **88 Pts** Jeb Dunnuck March 21'