

## Château Franc Lartigue



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>REGION</b>	<b>Bordeaux</b>
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>Saint-Emilion Grand Cru</b>
<b>VARIETAL</b>	78% Merlot 22% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.00%
<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 2019 for 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</b> , farm certified having high environmental value

### 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. Listed at the mythic Balthazar NYC since 1998 Vintage!

Following the exceptional 2018 Vintage ("Density & concentration" *R. Voss*. "Savory" *L. Perrotti*.), the 2019 is perfectly expressing and confirming this exciting Bordeaux 2018 - 2019 & 2020 Vintages' trilogy. Rich, ripe and savory, but already so attractive and seducing with fruitiness opulence!

### Tasting Notes:

Deep in color and so fresh nose, nearly « zesty » on orange first, then a lot of cassis and red-currant, then going silky on warm cake and dry raisins. Ample, crunchy, generous fruitiness & juicy palate. Mouthwatering. Will be very hard to wait long time to appreciate the obvious potential, more black & dry fruits, and cedar hints.

### Press Review:

"With an emphasis on black fruits, this wine's texture pops with rich tannins. The wine has charm as well as longevity. Full bodied & still young, it will age well." *Roger Voss* **92 Pts** Wine Enthusiast

"Aromas of plums, cloves & fresh flowers with stems follow through to a full body with layers of tannins that are fine & layered. Some tomato-past character adds to the complexity." *James Suckling* **92 Pts**

"Lots of ripe cherries, framboise, dried spices, & savory flower notes all emerged from the 2019 Ch. Franc-Lartigue... pretty, elegant, medium-bodied" *Jeb Dunnuck* **89 Pts** April 2022