

Château Lauduc

Grande Cuvée



VINTAGE	2019
REGION	Bordeaux
APPELLATION	Bordeaux Supérieur
VARIETAL	55% Merlot 15% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Cabernet Franc 10% Malbec 10% Petit Verdot
TERROIR	Mostly gravelly & limestone-clay parcels
ALCOHOL	14%
INFO	55 Ha (135.9 Acres) total vineyard & < 2 Ha (< 5 Acres) within few plots of old vines, devoted to La Grande Cuvee Ageing in French oak barrels: 1/3 new barrels, 2/3 one & two year old Fined / Filtered - 500 Cs Production TERRA VITIS - HVE 3, farm certified having high environmental value. 1st Year Organic Conversion

About the Estate:

Family estate for 4 generations now run by Regis & Hervé GRANDEAU, the 115 hectares (277.15 acres) vineyard of Château LAUDUC is located on the highest hillsides of the commune of Tresses, only 10km away from downtown Bordeaux. Enjoying various exposures and soils (limestone-clay, siliceous, gravels) which are particularly well adapted to vine growing and allowing grapes to achieve perfect ripeness. Estate is now on the process of Organic Conversion.

For the Grand Cuvee Bordeaux Superieur and plots of old vines devoted to it: Short "guyot-double" pruning. Leaves removing before harvesting if necessary and depending on the varietal. Double sorting of the harvest followed by light staking, crushing and 20% bleeding. Alcoholic fermentation between 26 & 28 degrees C. Wine pumped over the mark with twice daily aeration during the beginning of the fermentation followed by a releasing at half fermentation. Post fermentation maceration at 28 degrees C for ten days. And then 25 to 35 days vatting time. 12 months ageing in French oak barrels (Sylvain—Saury); 1/3 new ones and 2/3 1 and 2 years' old. Fining when necessary. 2019 is the 1st year of Organic Conversion. Château LAUDUC - Grande Cuvée Bordeaux Supérieur; superb selection, vinification, blend, bottle, tasting & value!

Tasting Notes:

"Nice deep garnet-red color with a crimson disk. Complex & intense nose of damp forest notes, smoked, then dominated by blackberry & wild strawberry. The mouth shows great delicacy, powerful is balanced thanks to the tannins wisdom, polished by the ageing in barrels. Mouth is full-bodied with blending rosewood, candied plums & blackberry".

Press Review:

"Ripe and full of black fruits, the wine has fine tannins & a spicy texture. Blackberry flavors show strongly, the fruitpacking the wine with ripeness. It comes from parcels of older vines at the Lauduc estate." Roger Voss **90 Pts** "Editor's Choice" Wine Enthusiast

"Fruit nose of currants, raspberries, leaves & walnuts. Fresh & balanced, with a medium body & soft tannins. **90 Pts** James Suckling

"Smoky black fruits, leafy herbs, chocolate & smoked tobacco notes all emerge from the 2019 Ch. Lauduc Grande Cuvee, a richer, medium-bodied, mouth-filling effort with ripe yet substantial tannins, good balance, & rock-solid length on the finish. Its' another **solid, impressive 2019** that will evolve gracefully for a decade" **89+Pts** Jeb Dunnuck

"Dark berry fruit aromas lead to a rich & rather suave palate, vinous and smooth texture..." **89 Pts** Decanter