

## Château Franc Lartigue



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>REGION</b>	<b>Bordeaux</b>
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>Saint-Emilion Grand Cru</b>
<b>VARIETAL</b>	85% Merlot 15% 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. 22nd 2020 for Merlot & Sept. 28rd 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 selection.

Château FRANC LARTIGUE remains the elegant Grand Cru we "detected" 30 years ago, but has reached more complexity, finesse, depth of 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 ("Density & concentration" R. Voss. "Savory" L. Perrotti,), and 2019 vintages, 2020 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 & so fresh nose, nearly « zesty » on orange first, then a lot of cassis & red-currant, going silky on warm cake & dry raisins. Ample, crunchy, generous fruitiness & juicy palate, with more black & dry fruits, and cedar hints. Mouth-watering & aging potential, but will be very hard to wait

### Press Review:

"Lots of mushroom, berry, chocolate, cedar and tobacco character. Very open nose. Full and plush with round and creamy tannins and a flavorful finish. 85% merlot & 15% cabernet sauvignon. Needs time to come together, but beautiful already. Drink after 2024." *James Suckling 94 Pts*

"Elegant wine. Firm tannins promise aging while juicy black fruits hide a layer of structure that will allow it to age." *Roger Voss 92 Pts Wine Enthusiast May 2023*

"Ripe cherries, red plums, spice, and flowers, and some truffle notes. A medium-full bodied, attractive, elegant Saint-Emilion with ripe tannins, terrific overall balance, and outstanding length. It's going to drink nicely for 10-15 years". **90 Pts** *Jeb Dunnuck March 2022*