

## Château Franc Lartigue



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2022</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>	14.50%
<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, then double grapes' hand sorting. 12 months ageing in French oak barrels (Sylvain, Naddalier, 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 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:

"Offers extroverted boysenberry and acai berry compote flavors allied to a soft and silky structure, with licorice, apple wood and sweet tobacco chiming through the finish" **89 Pts** *Wine Spectator*

### Press Review:

"Blackberry and black truffle character with a medium body, firm tannins and a juicy finish. Nice potential." *James Suckling* **92-93 Pts**

"Spicy red and black fruits, dried herbs, and a touch of leather... a medium-bodied, concentrated 2022 with good mid-palate depth but a more firm, slightly foursquare style that's going to benefit from short-term bottle age." **89-90 Pts** *Jeb Dunnuck* May 2023

2020 Vint. "Lots of mushroom, berry, chocolate, cedar & tobacco character. Very open nose. Full & plush with round & creamy tannins & a flavorful finish. 85% merlot & 15% cabernet sauvignon. Needs time to come together, but beautiful already. Drink after 2024." *James Suckling* **94 Pts**