



CHATEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE
COMTESSE DE LALANDE



Château Pichon-Lalande

Château Bernadotte

Pauillac, France

Vintage: 2010

Overview

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande acquired Château Bernadotte in the commune of Saint-Sauveur which borders the Pauillac appellation to the west close to a number of classified growths and only a few kilometers away from Pichon.

This property particularly interested Madame de Lencquesaing, then-owner of Pichon, because her family always enjoyed managing Bourgeois growths with great enthusiasm. She was also attracted by the quality of the soil made up of a very fine plateau of gravel on clay, by its position close to Pauillac and by its proximity to prestigious classified growths. Finally, this enabled her to offer a more extensive selection of wines with a wider price range, but always with reference to and under the signature of Pichon.

The name Bernadotte was given to this growth in honor of Marshal Bernadotte, appointed Sovereign Prince by Napoleon I and plebiscited in 1818 by the Swedish people to succeed their King Charles XIII, who died without an heir.

Winemaking

The 35 hectare Bordeaux wine vineyard of Château Bernadotte in the Haut-Médoc appellation is planted in gravel and sand with some clay in the terroir. The vineyards are planted to 50% cabernet sauvignon, 44% merlot, 4% cabernet franc and 2% petit verdot. On average, the vines are 25 years of age. The vines are planted to a density is 6,500 vines per hectare.

Vinification takes place in large, temperature controlled, stainless steel vats. The wines of Château Bernadotte are aged in 30% new French oak barrels for 12 to 18 months, depending on the quality and character of the vintage.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 50% Merlot, 50% Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine Alcohol: 14%