

# MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES



Château Pichon Comtesse

## Réserve de la Comtesse

Pauillac, France  
Vintage: 2015

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### Overview

The second growth of Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande, the Réserve de la Comtesse, was created and sold for the first time in 1973. Second growths represent between 20 percent and 50 percent of the total production of the Chateau. From the same soil, the second growth benefits from the technology and reputation of the great wine. The archives kept at Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande mention the existence of a second wine as early as the 19th century.

### Winemaking

Despite all of the surprises, fears and doubts, 2015 turned out to be a remarkable vintage. The growing cycle took place in perfect conditions up until some extremely dry weather in July, leading to worries over low yields. The rain and associated fungal diseases that we usually fear turned out to work for us from mid-July to mid-September, enabling the vine to reach optimum ripeness levels. The wines are distinctive and exceptionally precise yet also dense and restrained. They remind us of the extremely dense yet ethereal Bordeaux's of the 1980s, with an excellent aging potential yet able to be enjoyed in their youth.

### Tasting Notes

Complex, fruity nose dominated by blackberry and cedar. Powerful, structured, dense and persistent palate with notes of blackcurrant and tobacco on the finish.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot