

MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES



CHATEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE
COMTESSE DE LALANDE



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Réserve de la Comtesse

Pauillac, France
Vintage: 2021

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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 Château. 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.

The vast majority of the vineyards are Gunzian gravel mounds of the classic Pauillac composition, with the deep bed of gravel placed over a substrata of clay and limestone. The commitment to sustainable farming practices extends throughout the 220 acres of vineyards, with over 27 acres fully converted to organic viticulture, and 37 acres farmed biodynamically.

Tasting Notes

The complex nose evokes raspberry and wild strawberry, but also fresher notes of lilac and citrus, rosemary and liquorice. On the palate, we find the pure beauty of raspberry and cherry, balanced with a light, precise tannic structure that brings definition and an elegant finish.

Harvest Notes

After a mild and wet winter, the bud break of the vines started quite early, at the end of March. April and May, dry and cool, delayed the developing vegetation, causing a little coulure. June, which was milder, started the flowering and the growth of the vines suddenly accelerated. But this milder weather was also accompanied by record rainfall, particularly in the south of the Pauillac appellation. The young vegetation was then subjected to very strong pressure from fungal diseases, particularly mildew, which had a serious impact on the fruit set and berry development. While the Merlot was severely affected, the Cabernet, the majority of the grape varieties at Pichon Comtesse, resisted better. The cool and wet summer did not stop the progression of mildew and led to a very slow veraison. The harvest began on September 22nd, after a few rainy spells with no real consequences, and ended on October 5th.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot

Wine Alcohol: 14%

pH: 3.72

Soil Composition: Gravel, clay and sand

Average Vine Age: 35 years

New Oak: 40%

Aging: 12 months