



PRÉSENTATION :

During an Auction in 1719, Jean-Pierre du Pontet, Counselor to the King, acquires the Estate of Perganson. He adds this property to Langoa and Canet which he already owned. At his death, his oldest son M. Pontet de Canet inherits his properties in Saint-Julien; his younger son, M. Pontet-Perganson, in turn inherits the Château in Saint-Laurent. The first brokering of the great wines of Perganson was done by the Lawton courtier in 1742. Its market price regularly put it at the 5th Classified Growth level. The name of Larose st appears in the 1830's, after Henry Delaroze, co-inheritor of future Gruaud-Larose in Saint-Julien, becomes owner of Perganson as well in 1815. Pontet-Perganson then becomes Larose-Perganson. In 1986, Allianz purchases the Estate, partaking in the tremendous potential of its terroir.

THAT VINTAGE:

After a rather mild and wet winter, we saw the start of bud burst at the end of March / beginning of April and total bud burst by 10 April, or about 7 to 10 days earlier than in 2013 and essentially the same date as in 2012. May, June, July and August were unusually wet and cool, causing the vineyard to move from normal development compared with the ten-year average to a 10- to 12-day delay in the cycle by the end of August. Then came the month of September, with its Indian summer, higher temperatures than in August, extremely low rainfall and an East wind allowing the grapes to become more concentrated. In the space of 3 weeks, all the analytical parameters for checking the ripeness of the grapes increased strongly through this concentration phenomenon.

HARVEST START DATE: 29 september

VINEYARD:

- **35 hectares** of vineyards.
- **Soil:** Gunzian gravel from the Quaternary and Pyrenean gravel.
- **Planting density:** 6,600 to 10,000 vines per hectare: the aim is to obtain optimal quality with lower yields
- **Average age of vines:** 35 years.

GRAPE VARIETALS:

- **54% Cabernet Sauvignon**
- **43% Merlot**
- **3% de Petit Verdot**

FINAL BLEND:

- **58% Cabernet Sauvignon**
- **40% Merlot**
- **2% de Petit Verdot**

VINIFICATION:

Classic three week initial fermentation. Aged in oak barrels for 12 to 16 months

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