



ANALYTICAL PROFILE:

- Degrees: 13°60
- Total acidity: 4 g/l
- pH: 3.52
- Total Polyphenol: 70

PRESENTATION :

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 owns. 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 first appears in the 1830's, after Henry Delarozé, 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.

THIS VINTAGE:

The first half of the year, with more than 700 mm of rain, was particularly humid and the worst was feared regarding mildew. Luckily, the flowering proceeded correctly between 3 and 13 June, a week later than in 2015, thanks to a brief respite in the rain, and quite uniformly, above all for the Merlots. It was followed by a very long dry period, without excessive heat, leading to worries, despite everything, of too much water stress, especially for the very young vines.

The few showers mid-September favoured complete ripening, without threatening the state of health of the crop.

Note that in the 2016 vintage, the weight of the berries was measured at 15 to 30% lighter than in 2015, which may explain the different organoleptic profile of these two years. We should also state that the 2016 harvest was the longest for more than 30 years, allowing all the teams to improve precision in choosing picking dates, and this thanks to a real Indian summer.

HARVEST : 27 September to 20 October

VIGNOBLE :

- **38.5 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 VARIETIES:

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

FINAL BLEND:

- **49% Cabernet Sauvignon**
- **45% Merlot**
- **6% Petit Verdot**

VINIFICATION :

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

MEDALS AND AWARDS :

- CHRIS KISSACK : 93/100
- JAMES SUCKLING : 92/100
- JANCIS ROBINSON : 17/20
- NEIL MARTIN : 91/100
- LE POINT : 16/20
- MUNDUS VINI : Gold medal (march 2019)
- CONCOURS INTERNATIONAL DU VIN : Silver medal (april 2019)
- Decanter World Wine Awards : Médaille d'Argent (may 2019)
- BETTANE + DESSEAUVÉ : 15/20

TASTING NOTES:

Very dark colour of very intense deep ruby with some deep purple reflections. Ripe aromas of small black fruit and liquorice dominate, underlined by nice vanilla notes. The palate is full and flavourful with good integration of tannins, already well enveloped. The ageing, which started mid-January, should reveal what promises to be a very fine vintage of Château Larose Perganson.