



## 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 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 firm 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 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, Assurance Générales de France (Allianz) purchases the Estate, partaking in the tremendous potential of its terroir.

## THAT VINTAGE :

Saved from high waters! Three absolutely fabulous weeks in September allowed for grapes to ripen in an optimum manner. Very rigorous grape sorting guarantees great quality at lower volumes. The latest harvest start date in 25 years.

**HARVEST START DATE :** 6<sup>th</sup> of October

## VINEYARD :

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

## GRAPE VARIETALS :

- **50% Cabernet Sauvignon** which gives structure, fragrance and fruit.
- **45% Merlot** brings roundness and body.
- **5% Petit Verdot** giving colour, structure and freshness.

## VINIFICATION :

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

## TASTING NOTES :

Dark, deep ruby colour, with some indications of evolution towards tile orange. Complex on the nose combining small black fruit (blackcurrant, blackberry) and dark chocolate. The structure is still taut on the palate, full of freshness. The wine still remains ethereal with a slightly oaky finish and a return to ripe red fruit.

To be decanted just before tasting  
Enjoy from now until 2022

## MEDALS AND AWARDS :



3 Stars  
Recommended  
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JANCIS ROBINSON : **17/20**

WEINWELT EN BORDEAUX PRIMEURS : **86/100**