



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 :

Incredible ripeness!

A cool and humid spring preceded a hot and dry summer which made this harvest one of the best of the last 20 years.

Exceptional sweetness, color and tannins make this an opulent and rich vintage.

HARVEST START DATE : 28th of September

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 :

Very intense colour, deep and very slightly tiled. The nose is attractive, with white chocolate, plum and of a rare intensity. The palate is full, even creamy, with a well-integrated tannic structure of great finesse. The finish is both very long and smooth. Full and harmonious, it remains one of the great vintages of the decade.

To be decanted just before tasting.

Enjoy from now until 2025

MEDALS AND AWARDS :



GOLD MEDAL AT THE CONCOURS MONDIAL DE BRUXELLES 2012 (Belgium)



GOLD MEDAL AT THE CONCOURS GENERAL DE PARIS 2011 (France)



BRONZE MEDAL AT THE CONCOURS DE BORDEAUX VINS D'AQUITAINE 2012 (France)



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THREE STARS 2011



BRONZE MEDAL DECANTER 2013



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