



## 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, Allianz purchases the Estate, partaking in the tremendous potential of its terroir.

## THAT VINTAGE :

A very wet year, except from mid-July to mid-September. Strong, but perfectly controlled, threat of Botrytis. Healthy grapes with good colour and tannins and less acidity than in the 2011 and 2010 vintages.

**HARVEST START DATE :** 8<sup>th</sup> of October

## 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.

## FINAL BLEND :

- **50% Cabernet Sauvignon** which gives structure, fragrance and fruit.
- **50% Merlot** brings roundness and body.

## VINIFICATION :

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

## TASTING NOTES :

Very deep colour, still young, dark ruby with crimson reflections. Nose of fresh black fruit, crunchy blackcurrant, dark Papua chocolate, slightly peppery. The palate is muscular with high quality tannins and a pure and very long finish, the sign of a very good aptitude for ageing.

To be decanted 1 hour before tasting  
Enjoy from now until 2023-2026

## MEDALS AND AWARDS :

**JAMES SUCKLING : 90/100**  
(February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015)

**WINE ENTHUSIAST : 91/100**  
(May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015)

**DECANTER : 91/100**

**ROBERT PARKER**

A Sleeper of the vintage

Is a noteworthy success in this vintage. Surprisingly dense, ripe fruit, excellent purity, equilibrium and a long, lusty, velvety-textured finish.  
(april 2015)



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## NOTES

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