



## 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 winter without too much rain and a cool start to spring, bud burst started at the beginning of April and was drawn out because of the cool temperatures and a lack of water.

This was followed by a very long period of drought from the beginning of May until the middle of véraison, leading to fears for the yield because at the start of véraison the berries were very much smaller than normal (at least 20 to 30%). As from mid véraison, very wet weather followed up until harvest, with cumulative rainfall from July to the end of October of 263.5 mm, an abnormally high quantity not seen in recent years. The berries became larger as from the end of véraison, returning to their normal size.

**HARVEST START DATE:** 19 september

## VINEYARD:

- **38 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:

- **66% Cabernet Sauvignon**
- **29% Merlot**
- **5% de Petit Verdot**

## VINIFICATION:

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

## TASTING NOTES:

Very deep, dark ruby colour with nice shimmering reflections. The nose combines notes of beeswax, cinnamon stick, Madagascar vanilla and liquorice. The palate is marked by an almost perfect balance and overall indulgence. The finish is already smooth, with complex aromas of black fruit, bramble. A vintage that is already attractive with its harmonious, smooth and very aromatic profile.

To be decanted 2 hours before tasting

Enjoy from now until 2024-2028

## MEDALS AND AWARDS

- WINE ENTHUSIAST : **92 CELLAR SELECTION**
- JAMES SUCKLING : **92**
- JEB DUNNUCK : **90**
- JANCIS ROBINSON : **16,5**
- **Concours Mondial de Bruxelles : GOLD MEDAL**
- **MUNDUS VINI : GOLD MEDAL**