



CARRUADES DE LAFITE 1999

■ VINEYARD ATTRIBUTES

Appellation : AOC Pauillac, Bordeaux, France

Pauillac is located on the left bank of the Gironde estuary, approximately 40km North of Bordeaux. With the tempering influence of the estuary and a great diversity of soils originated from both the Massif Central and the Pyrenees, Pauillac boasts exceptional climatic and geological conditions to make outstanding wines.

Terroir : Chateau Lafite Rothschild is located to the North of the Pauillac appellation, bordering Saint-Estèphe. The vineyard consists of three main areas : the hillsides around the Château, the adjacent Carruades plateau to the west, and 4.5 hectares in Saint Estèphe appellation. The vineyard covers 112 hectares with soil made up of fine deep gravel, mixed with aeolian sand on a subsoil of tertiary limestone. It is well-drained and benefits from optimal sun exposure.

■ VINTAGE SUMMARY

Another early year which required heightened technical surveillance throughout the growth cycle. Harvest at Lafite was very quick (only 10 days) from the 21st of september to the 2nd of october. All the picking and selection were made manually thanks to an increasing number of pickers.

■ WINE MAKING SCHEME

The vinifications took place smoothly. It was only at the time of the first tastings (after running off the wine) that we discovered to what extent this vintage was exceptional. The importance, suppleness and complexity of the juices were really impressive.

■ TASTING NOTES

A vintage with good expression and fine aromatic intensity with red fruit. The palate is supple and long, with silky, elegant tannins.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals : Cabernet sauvignon 69%, Merlot 31%

Alcohol content : 12.5 % vol.

