

# COLLECTION LES ASTÉRIES 2022

The Lafite Rothschild family has been producing wine in Bordeaux since 1868. For six generations, they got to know this beautiful landscape and understand the unique traits of the vines from each appellation. Three decades ago, the family was inspired to create a new wine series, where each wine would be the epitome of the appellation it came from. Their motivation was simple – to ensure wine lovers everywhere could dive into Bordeaux and taste the originality of each appellation. And so, Légende R range was born.



### ■ VINEYARD ATTRIBUTES

**Appellation**: AOC Bordeaux, France

Les Légendes R Bordeaux rouge comes from Entre-deux-Mers région.

**Terroir**: Entre-deux-Mers vineyard rests on the hillsides located between the two rivers South East of Bordeaux: the Dordogne and the Garonne. This vast territory offers an interresting diversity of terroirs and soils, ranging from chalky-clay plots well suited for Merlot, to well-exposed gravelous slopes perfect for Cabernet Sauvignon.

#### ■ VINTAGE SUMMARY

2022 was a vintage marked by a succession of climatic excesses of varying intensity from April onwards (frost, hail, drought and heatwaves). It will be remembered as one of the earliest of the last 20 years. A mild, dry winter led to early bud-break, flowering was rapid and uniform thanks to perfect weather conditions (hot and dry) and very low sanitary pressure. Thanks to the high water reserves from 2021, the vines were able to withstand the drought and heatwave during the summer. Two thunderstorms in August enabled all grape varieties to finish their ripening in the perfect conditions. This climatically excessive vintage produced great red wines, surprisingly well-balanced and harmonious.

#### ■ WINE MAKING SCHEME

This wine is made according to traditional method in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Alcoholic fermentation (28°C) was followed by 15 days of maceration, in order to obtain a good concentration of tannins favorable for the ageing under oak (30% of the final blend). This wine is subtly oaked, in order to keep a good balance between the fruit and the wood.

# ■ TASTING NOTES

Garnet-colored robe of beautiful intensity.

An intense and aromatic nose, dominated by roasted notes (coffee, toasted bread). With aeration, spicy notes (black pepper) emerge.

The palate is full, creamy, and well-structured, with ripe, well-integrated tannins.

The finish is fresh, and the lingering aromas reveal black fruit (blackberries) and spice notes.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: Merlot 50%, Cabernet sauvignon 50%

Alcohol content: 13,5 % vol.

**pH**: 3,45

Total acidity: 3,08 g/l