



CHÂTEAU LAFITE ROTHSCHILD 1979

■ 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 appellation, bordering Saint Estèphe. Lafite's best terroirs stretch on the 50ha Plateau des Carruades to the west of the Château. This plateau, which is the highest point of the Pauillac appellation, is well-drained and enjoys optimal sun exposure. Its clayey gravel soils offer excellent water regulating abilities, and provide optimal ripening conditions for the Cabernet Sauvignon.

Some 4.5 ha planted in the neighbouring Saint Estephe appellation, count amongst the oldest vines of the property and provide year after year grapes of outstanding quality for the Grand Vin.

■ VINTAGE SUMMARY

Mild and rainy winter. In April, cool temperatures slowed down vegetation. The weather was fine and sunny afterwards, which allowed the flower to develop very satisfactorily until harvest.

From 2 October. Good sunny weather, favourable to the good evolution of the vegetation. The month of September allowed a harvest in very good conditions of maturity both qualitatively and quantitatively, the 79 vintage is very successful.

■ WINE MAKING SCHEME

Traditional and separate for the different lots.

■ TASTING NOTES

Very expressive nose, cedar, tobacco. Fairly open and balanced at the beginning of the palate, then develops into a little thinness and a slightly acidic finish, lacking flesh.



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals : Cabernet sauvignon 66%, Merlot 23%, Cabernet franc 11%

Yield : 34 hL/ha

Alcohol content : 12 % vol.

Total acidity : 3,56 g/l