



BORDEAUX 2019

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, the Les Légendes 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 interesting 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

2019 was a year of contrasts, characterized by tremendous variation. A cool spring, scorching heat in the summer and dry weather throughout the year prevented the development of diseases. However, cold, rainy weather in June disrupted flowering, causing coulure and millerandage. Furthermore, water stress, which varied depending on the area and the terroir, resulted in some instances of ripening being checked. The berries were therefore small, resulting in lower than usual yields. Fortunately, there was some rain after 22 September, which relaunched the ripening process and enabled the red grape varieties to reach a good level of maturity.

■ 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

Ruby red colour with good intensity.

Refined, elegant nose, combining aromas of sweet spices (such as vanilla and cinnamon) with subtle oaky notes. On the palate, the wine is full-bodied and round, with good tannic structure and ends with a long, flavourful finish. A fine example of the 2019 vintage in Bordeaux.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals : Cabernet sauvignon 55%, Merlot 45%

Alcohol content : 13.5 % vol.

pH : 3.50

Total acidity : 3.09 g/l

