



## CHÂTEAU L'EVANGILE 2018

### ■ VINEYARD ATTRIBUTES

**Appellation :** AOC Pomerol, Bordeaux, France

The Pomerol appellation stretches on a plateau on the right bank of the Dordogne river, about 40km north east of Bordeaux. In Pomerol, merlot is king. The characteristics of Pomerol's clay soil give to this varietal an expression like nowhere else in the world.

**Terroir :** L'Evangile's vineyard covers 22 hectares at the heart of the Pomerol plateau, sharing the appellation's best terroirs with two other prestigious properties. Here, through a mystery of geology, the heavy green clay soils are covered by a bed of gravel. These high quality soils are the source of the estate's great merlot, and the secret of Chateau L'Evangile's extraordinary power and depth.

### ■ VINTAGE SUMMARY

2018 was a special year at Château L'Evangile, as it was the first vintage to be produced with organic certification.

However, the weather conditions proved to be challenging. The ten-day flowering period was particularly nerve-racking, with seven consecutive days of rain.

As a result of the heavy rainfall, mildew attacked the flowers, destroying a substantial proportion of the potential harvest.

Fortunately, from mid-July onwards, the weather improved, providing excellent ripening conditions until the harvests.

This first year with organic certification yielded grapes of extraordinary quality, the best we have seen in the last 20 years.

### ■ WINE MAKING SCHEME

Alcoholic fermentation take place in temperature-controlled concrete vats and lasted for about 10 days. Pumping over and maceration times are adjusted for each vat, according to the terroir and the maturity of the tannins. Total maceration times is of 27 days on average for the merlot and 28 days for the cabernet franc. After maceration, the wine is transferred in new oak barrels for the malolactic fermentation, followed by 18 months of ageing. The barrels are made by the Tonnellerie des Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) in Pauillac.

### ■ TASTING NOTES

Dark, dense colour with beautiful glints of violet.

Intense nose revealing stone fruit aromas with light vanilla and roasted notes. Full-bodied and generous on the palate culminating in a silky, smooth finish thanks to the sublime quality of the tannins in this 2018 vintage.



#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Varietals :** Merlot 80%, Cabernet franc 20%

**Yield :** 17 hL/ha

**Alcohol content :** 14.5 % vol.

**pH :** 3.90

**Total acidity :** 3 g/l