



## LÉGENDE BORDEAUX ROUGE 2018

Made by Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) team with the same care and passion that is given to their grands crus, Légende wines offer a great discovery of Bordeaux terroirs and tastes.

### ■ VINEYARD ATTRIBUTES

**Appellation** : AOC Bordeaux, France

Légendes 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

2018 will no doubt be one of Bordeaux's great vintages, despite some particularly capricious weather: an exceptionally rainy winter and spring resulted in an unprecedented threat of mildew, the like of which had not been seen in living memory; May and July then brought devastating hailstorms that destroyed up to 80% of some vineyards. Fortunately, the situation improved dramatically over the summer, which was the hottest since 2003. Conditions were ideal for the grapes to ripen: the contrast between warm, sunny days and cool nights resulted in good aromatic concentration and an excellent balance of sugar and acidity. The wines from the cool clay soils of the Entre-Deux-Mers are generous, deep in colour, with more alcohol than in 2017 but retaining their freshness.

### ■ WINE MAKING SCHEME

This wine is made according to traditional methods in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Alcoholic fermentation was followed by 15 days of maceration at 28°C allowing for a gentle extraction of colour and tannins.

This wine is subtly wooded, in order to keep a good balance between the fruit and the oak.

### ■ TASTING NOTES

Attractive deep crimson colour.

Intense on the nose, combining roasted aromas with mocha, toast and tobacco notes. Full and rich on the palate, this wine has a good tannic structure, with fresh and aromatic notes on the finish.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Varietals** : Cabernet sauvignon 60%, Merlot 40%

**Yield** : 45 hL/ha

**Alcohol content** : 13 % vol.

**pH** : 3.30

**Total acidity** : 3.30 g/l