

# Château Lamothe Bergeron 2009

CSPC# 749574

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

**Grape Variety**  
**Appellation**  
**General Info**

50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Merlot  
Haut-Médoc

Château Lamothe Bergeron is a medium-sized Haut Médoc estate located in the commune of Cussac, just south of St-Julien. Lamothe Bergeron has an interesting history, with its château dating back to 1868. Lamothe indicates a property on a 'motte' (a plot of high land), while Bergeron was the name of an owner in the 19th century. The castle is named after Jacques Bergeron, who in the early nineteenth century, was fought on the field for experiments and edited numerous essays on the culture of the vine and fertilizers. He invented a way to graft the vines that give birth to the method "Bergeron", still used by winemakers of the Rhone Valley in the early 20th century.

The property remains in the Bergeron family until the 1850s, but only after the purchase by Mr Armana of the castle is named Lamothe-Bergeron, in honor of its former owner. The area will remain in the heritage of the Amarna family before passing into the hands of society Mestrezat in early 1970, then of the Credit Agricole in the 2000s via its structure "CA Grands Crus", before be sold in 2009 to cognacs H. Mounier and Hardy.

Today is Mery Laurent is in charge of the area, helped in his task by Hubert de Boüard, co-owner of Chateau Angelus that Lamothe-Bergeron as counsel for the conduct of the vines for winemaking.

One of the leading Cru Bourgeois since the 19th century, Lamothe-Bergeron has come to be considered a benchmark wine of the Haut-Médoc.

**Vintage** 2009 was the first vintage to bear the Hubert de Boüard hallmark and it will go down in the history of the estate. July and August were magnificent, hot but not excessively so and with just the right amount of rainfall. These perfect weather conditions continued into September and October, with a succession of cool nights and hot days. These dream conditions allowed harvesting to be timed to perfection, with grapes picked from each plot just as they reached peak maturity. The wines have a beautiful, very intense colour. On the palate they are full-bodied, pure and juicy, with a very long finish. They express vigour and style.

**Vineyards** Terroir: Garonne gravel; Area: 77 hectares, of which 60 are planted with vines; Varieties: 49% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot; Average age of vine: 25 years.; Yield: 40 hl/ha.

**Harvest** September 16th to October 13th.

**Vinification/ Maturation** The wines are fermented in temperature- controlled stainless-steel vats and are matured in small barriques (30% new) for 18 months. Best drunk 5-10 years following the vintage.

**Tasting Notes** Beautiful red dark colour. Very charming nose with a perfect combination of red fruit & vanilla. Juicy, pure and generous in mouth, with a very long finish. Sappy and stylish.

**Production** 15,000 cases made

**Cellaring** Drink 2012-2019

**Scores/Awards** **89 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2012  
**88-91 points** - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2010  
**87 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #199 - February 2012  
**91 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - November 2011  
**87-89 points** - Ian D'Agata, ST's International Wine Cellar - May/June 2010



**Reviews** *"Focused, with solid bitter cherry, plum and cassis flavors framed by judicious toast. Lingering tobacco and iron notes keep this nicely grounded. Best from 2013 through 2018. 15,000 cases made."*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*Lovely currants and berries on the nose and palate of this young wine. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a fresh, clean finish. Score range: 88-91"*  
- JS, Wine Spectator

*"Loads of berry fruit intermixed with some roasted herbs, spice box and licorice can be found in this excellent Haut-Medoc, which has medium body, lots of fragrance and very pure flavors. Drink it over the next 5-7 years."*  
- RP, Wine Advocate

*"Tasted at the Cru Bourgeois 2009 tasting in London. The Lamothe Bergeron has a well-defined bouquet with blackberry, wild hedgerow, dried orange peel and a touch of cedar. Good definition and lift. The palate is medium bodied with very good, natural acidity, very refined with a healthy touch of austerity on the finish that lends freshness and vitality. Very fine. Tasted September 2011."*  
- RP, Wine Advocate

*"(a 50/50 blend of merlot and cabernet sauvignon) Dark ruby-red. Enticing nose hints at sweet blackberry, cedar and flinty minerals. Balanced and fine-grained, with flavors of ripe plum and raspberry syrup and cassis complicated by a flinty nuance. Finishes with satisfying length and a touch of warmth."*  
- ID, International Wine Cellar

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