

# Château La Gurgue 2018

CSPC# 872854

750mlx12

14.6% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot.
<b>Appellation</b>	Margaux
<b>Classification</b>	Grand Vin de Bordeaux
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://m.lagurgue.com/includes/entites/7163/1269/FT%20LG%2018-%20%20A4%20-%20ANG.pdf">http://m.lagurgue.com/includes/entites/7163/1269/FT%20LG%2018-%20%20A4%20-%20ANG.pdf</a>
<b>Sustainability</b>	In 2015, Château La Gurgue obtained Organic Agriculture certification and the property has been biodynamic since 2018. This orientation is the result of an awareness of the heritage of an exceptional terroir that must be preserved and made sustainable through ecological viticulture. It is associated with the desire to go further in the balance between the vine and its natural environment and to give it the energy in order to be able to free itself from diseases. The development of the terroir by these farming methods that are more respectful of the environment, tends our wines towards more finesse, depth and balance; thus, revealing its minerality and vibrant freshness, the signature of great terroir wines
<b>General Info</b>	The history of Château La Gurgue is closely linked to the village of Margaux. Two owners of the vineyard raced successfully to become mayors of Margaux. Claire Villars Lurton is the architect of the present revival. Year after year, she has done her best to bring out the unique terroir of Château La Gurgue in her wine. Trained by her grandfather, Jacques Merlaut, she was 25 when she took over the management of Châteaux Ferrière, Haut-Bages Libéral and La Gurgue. She then undertook a major rebuilding of the wineries of her estates. In 2018 La Gurgue was able to bring out a truly exceptional wine, taking advantage of the beauty that vintage had to offer.
<b>Winemaker</b>	Eric Boissenot
<b>Vintage</b>	<p>2018 is a vintage that will certainly mark the spirits ... On the one hand because it was very difficult to born. A humid spring and an exceptional pressure of fungal diseases were followed by a summer with extreme sunshine conditions.</p> <p>Certain areas of the Margaux appellation and more generally the South of the Médoc were favored by a few thunderstorms during the summer which allowed to reduce the impact of the water stress.</p> <p>The musts with complicated fermentation potentials (high degrees, malic acid in low concentration) ended up keeping the technical teams under pressure until the end of the winemaking process. In addition, the quality of the wines produced has a character and a quite remarkable sweetness. From the first days of vinification, the vats perfumed the cellars with a generous and intense fragrance, letting the musts with a juicy and round characters. At the end of the maceration, our feelings were confirmed when the tastings revealed powerful and concentrated wines. The levels of acidity remained moderate despite their high levels. This acidity allowed the wines to keep a surprising freshness. On the aromatic level, the wines are expressive and precise, the palate is both powerful and silky.</p> <p>The comparison between vintages brings us immediately to great references ... 2009 for the richness and roundness with its solar temperament; 2016 for the power and smoothness of the tannic frame and the remarkable ageing potential. A vintage at the crossroads of the best of both worlds: a precise blend of classicism and generosity.</p>
<b>Vineyards</b>	<p>The vineyard of Château La Gurgue spreads on 10 hectares. Since 1993, Claire Villars has carried on the work of her mother in enhancing this precious vineyard. She has achieved the challenge of making fine and elegant wines with an elegant character, which has made the fame of the Margaux style in the world.</p> <p>Half of the plots are surrounded by the vineyard of Château Margaux. The vineyard of Château La Gurgue is located on the northeastern flank of Margaux, on a beautiful plateau in Curton. This is an exceptional soil composed of fine and deep gravels.</p>



<b>Vineyards</b>	This extremely thick layer is very draining and will favor the deep rooting of the plants in search of some water and nutrients. It results in the concentration of the grapes and their quality. The rest of the vineyard is located in the town of Soussans on sandy and gravelly soils. The vines are about 30 years of age. The planting is 60% cabernet sauvignon, 35% merlot and 5% petit verdot.
<b>Harvest</b>	Plot selection. Hand picking with main sorting on the plan and additional sorting on table. The date of the harvests is decided by the tasting of the grapes of every plot (skin and seeds).
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	We are looking for a phenolic maturity with concentrated grapes and a good extractability of the tannins. The vinification lasts between 17 and 25 days depending on the vine variety, the soil and the age of the vineyard. The temperatures should not exceed 25° - 27°C during the fermentation phase. The aim is to obtain a well-structured and powerful wine with fruit and ripe tannins Traditional, in concrete and wooden vats. 20 % of new French barrels. 12 months of ageing.
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	This vintage is full of subtleties, wrested from nature by precision and rigor in the work. They are moderately strong but soft and elegant. The cabernet sauvignon is the backbone of the blend.
<b>Serve with</b>	Best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes. Also good with Asian dishes, hearty fish courses like tuna, salmon, mushrooms, and pasta.
<b>Production</b>	Approx. 40 000 bottles annually
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2022-2030
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>94 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2020</p> <p><b>90 points</b> - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - November 2020</p> <p><b>93 points</b> - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - March 2020</p> <p><b>90-92 points</b> - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - May 2017</p> <p><b>87 points</b> - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - February 2021</p> <p><b>16.5 points</b> - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - January 2022</p> <p><b>16 points</b> - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - September 2021</p>
<b>Reviews</b>	<p><i>"This is dense and layered with a velvety texture and very rich palate. Powerful yet fresh. Creamy and minerally. Unique Gurgue. From biodynamically grown grapes."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"You really can see the impact of the small yields in 2018 - just 12hl/ha at La Gurgue. Inky in colour, the flavours are correspondingly intense, with dark cassis fruit and textured, tight tannins as you might expect. 20% new oak. Eric Boissenot consults. Drinking Window 2026 - 2038."</i> - JA, Decanter.com</p> <p><i>"The 2018 La Gurgue is one of the little jewels of Margaux. Pliant, supple and inviting, the 2018 has so much to offer. All the elements are wonderfully fused together. Ripe red cherry, blood orange, mint and sweet floral notes all build as this racy Margaux shows off its sensuality and charm. Mildew was especially severe, and yields were just 12 hectoliters per hectare, but the wine is superb. The blend is 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot and 8% Petit Verdot."</i> - AG, Vinous</p> <p><i>"The 2018 La Gurgue is rich, deep, and fleshy, with quite a bit more density than is the norm. Ripe red berry/plum fruit, spice, cedar, wildflowers, and tobacco develop in the glass, but it is the wine's sheer textural richness that stands out most. I can't wait to taste this from bottle."</i> - AG, Vinous</p>

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