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## Château Tour Maillet 2009

CSPC# 749561

750mlx12

15.0% Alc./Vol.

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### Grape Variety

100% Merlot

### Appellation

Pomerol

### General Info

The Castle Tour Maillet is located in the small village of Maillet, east in the wake of the stunning Pomerol plateau. The property borders the famous Châteaux The Gospel and Gazin. Returning home after WWI, Pierre Lagardère, Gaël Lagardère's great-grandfather, bought a hectare of land in Pomerol. Thus began the family tradition of winemaking that has continued over the last four generations.

A hard-working vitner, Yves Lagardère began extending his acreage through the acquisition of new vineyards in Montagne and Pomerol. His son, Jean-Claude, who took over in 1982, continued to grow the landholding through further vineyard purchases (17 hectares in Montagne and 2.2 hectares in Pomerol).

In 1999, Jean-Claude's son, Gaël set about improving the quality of wine production and has invested in ultra-modern equipment: temperature-controlled aging cellars, pneumatic wine press and micro-oxygenation. Working hand-in-hand, Jean-Claude and Gaël devote all their efforts to grape-growing and winemaking.

### Vineyards

Produced using sustainable agricultural methods, the grapes grow on the clay and limestone hillsides characteristic of the Montagne–Saint-Emilion region and yield high-quality wines distinguished by plush flavors of ripe red fruit.

2.2 hectares of 100% merlot; Average age 35 years; Soil is Silico-graveleux

### Harvest

Harvested by hand, total de-stemming, sorting of the grapes.

### Maturation

12 months in the barrel; 50% new oak

### Tasting Notes

Dark fruits, a touch of olive, round mouth feel, soft, supple, tight finish.

### Production

1,080 cases made

### Cellaring

Drink now - 2021

### Scores/Awards

**90 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2012

**93-96 points** - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2010

**86-88 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #188- April 2010

**88 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - January 2012

**14.75-15 points** - Jean Marc Quarin - March 2010

### Reviews

*"A ripe, fleshy, smoky style, with lots of fig and plum fruit pushed by roasted tobacco leaf and warm bittersweet cocoa notes. The finish lets ganache and linzer torte hang on nicely. Solid. Drink now through 2021. 1,080 cases made."*

- JM, Wine Spectator

*"There's a deep well of dark fruit on the nose, with crushed blackberry and hints of dark chocolate. Subtle and rich. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a long, long finish. Tight and powerful. Excellent length to this. Score range: 93-96"*

- JS, Wine Spectator

*"Elegant, fresh, and lively, but lacking the substance and concentration of the vintage's finest wines, this 2009 should be drunk during its first decade. (Tasted once.)"*

- RP, Wine Advocate

*"Tasted at the Syndicat de Pomerol. The Tour Maillet 2009 has a very opulent ripe nose with candied orange peel, quince, kirsch and wild strawberry. The palate is full-bodied with sweet tannins, very ripe fruit and to be honest, overpowering on the finish. I prefer the subtlety of the 2008. Tasted November 2011."*

- NM, Wine Journal

