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## Sarget de Gruaud Larose 2007

CSPC# 721260

750mlx12

12.5% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot
<b>Appellation</b>	Saint-Julien
<b>General Info</b>	Sarget de Gruaud Larose is the second label of the esteemed Gruaud Larose, and certainly one of the best buys in the region. Classified a second growth in 1855, Gruaud Larose is a house favorite for its rich and classic style and capacity for aging.
<b>Vineyards</b>	The large vineyard has 66 different parcels planted to 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 7.5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot and 1.5% Malbec with old vines averaging 40 years. The Sarget is made from younger vines and spends less time in oak than the first label.
<b>Harvest</b>	The fruit, harvested by hand, is managed by a winemaking team overseen by Jacques Merlaut's son, Jean.
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	The fruit is sorted then undergoes a cold soak prior to temperature controlled fermentation in a mixture of wooden and concrete vats, with pumping over of the fermenting must twice a day. Then up to a third of the vintage undergoes malolactic in oak barrels, before ageing the entire wine in <i>Alliers</i> and <i>Nevers</i> oak (up to 50% new) for eighteen months, and there is a light fining and filtration before bottling.
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Iron fruit on the nose here, dark and restrained, lightly crunchy, tinged with violets. The palate has a lean elegance, well composed but not particularly concentrated. It has a rather solid outer shell, but I can't deny that it is attractively fresh and clean for the vintage. Just over-priced, that's all.
<b>Production</b>	Approx. 16,000 made annually
<b>Cellaring</b>	10-15 years
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<b>15.5+ points</b> - Chris Kissack, <i>The Wine Doctor</i> - March 2010
<b>Reviews</b>	<i>"Cabernet Sauvignon 60%, Merlot 30%, Cabernet Franc 5% and Petit Verdot 5%. Iron fruit on the nose here, dark and restrained, lightly crunchy, tinged with violets. The palate has a lean elegance, well composed but not particularly concentrated. It has a rather solid outer shell, but I can't deny that it is attractively fresh and clean for the vintage. Just over-priced, that's all. From a 2010 Bibendum tasting."</i> - CK, <i>The Wine Doctor</i>

