

Sarget de Gruaud Larose 2010

CSPC# 721260

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	Saint-Julien
General Info	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.
Vineyards	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.
Harvest	The fruit, harvested by hand, is managed by a winemaking team overseen by Jacques Merlaut's son, Jean.
Vinification/ Maturation	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 18 months, and there is a light fining and filtration before bottling.
Tasting Notes	What a superb, delicious, decadent treat this is! It is really generous with ripe, plump, sweet blackberries and a fabulous creamy texture that is like silk. It's obviously not quite as great as Gruaud itself but shows the essence of the Grand Vin and is a real treat.
Production Cellaring	Approx. 16,000 made annually Drink 2015-2025
Scores/Awards	90 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2013 90-93 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2011 85-87 points - Neal Martin, eRobertParker.com - April 2011 86-89 points - Stephen Tanzer, ST's International Wine Cellar - May/June 2011 90-91 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - Web Only 2011 (score only) 86 points - Jean Marc Quarin - March 2011 (score only) 88 points - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com - April 2011 15.5 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only)
Reviews	<p><i>"Dark and winey, with a solid core of steeped blackberry, blueberry and black currant fruit, liberally laced with warm cocoa and tar notes. The mouthcoating feel on the finish features lots of smoldering tobacco. Best from 2015 through 2025."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Really pure, with a delightful mix of plum, cassis and black cherry. Long on the finish, with sanguine and tar notes mixed together, staying fresh. A very solid second wine. Score range: 90-93"</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"A blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc, the Sarget has lifted red-berried, raspberry fruits on the nose, lighter and more feminine than its peers though a second bottle was less expressive. The palate is medium bodied with a grainy, quite spicy entry, fleshy in the middle with just a little hardness on the dry finish. Drink 2012- Tasted March 2011."</i> - NM, erobertparker.com</p> <p><i>"(70% cabernet sauvignon, 23% merlot, 4% petit verdot and 3% cabernet franc; 72 IPT; 13.5% alcohol) Inky-purple. Bright, floral, cabernet sauvignon-dominated nose offers red berry and mineral aromas. Then more red berries on the palate, with a saline nuance on the persistent, fleshy finish. Bright acidity really extends the flavors of red berries and underbrush. A smooth and very successful Sarget."</i> - ST, International Wine Cellar</p>



Reviews *“As a conclusion, I would simply point out that not only the exceptional wine but also our second wine, Sarget de Gruaud Larose, were successful....With the qualitative efforts that were made over the last twenty years, Sarget de Gruaud Larose has reached in 2010 the level of quality of the Gruaud Larose wines made twenty years ago.”*

- JM, Chateau Gruaud Larose

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