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Winemaker

## LA CHAPELLE DE MEYNEY 2018

### AOP Saint-Estèphe

#### — Background —

La Chapelle de Meyney, which means “the Chapel of Chateau Meyney,” is the second wine of the famous Chateau Meyney. The name of this wine refers to Chateau Meyney’s unique history as a Cistercian monastery. La Chapelle is made identically to the first wine, except the grapes used to produce La Chapelle come from the younger vines. It is an Aquitaine Wine Exclusive for the entire USA. Chateau Meyney is one of the oldest estate in Medoc. Flanked by Chateau Montrose (2nd growth) and Calon Segur (3rd growth), the property’s vines overlook and extend down to the Gironde River. Originally constructed as a monastery in 1662, the property was owned for several generations by the Luetkins family, who also owned Chateau La Tour Carnet (4th growth). During the 1855 classification, the Luetkins family had the right to present one estate for classification. Torn between Meyney (which had a superior terroir) and La Tour Carnet (which had a more majestic chateau), The Luetkins submitted La Tour Carnet...which was classified as a 4th growth. As a result, Meyney is not classified. However, its location, just between Montrose and Calon Segur, give an indication of the extraordinary terroir, and makes one wonder if it would have been classified either a 2nd or 3rd growth, if presented in 1855. Today CA Grands Cru owns the estate. Anne Le Naour, winemaker is the Managing Director of all of the estates owned by CA Grands Cru and David Launay is the Commercial Director.

#### — Viticulture —

- 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 10% Petit Verdot planted.
- 51 hectares of vineyards in one.
- The average age of the vines is 35-40 years old.
- Planted density of 7,500 vines per hectare.
- The average yield is 50 hectoliters per hectare.
- The vineyard is planted on Garonne gravel soils with a notable particularity. A 3 meters thick blue clay vein buried in the subsoil.
- Chateau Meyney overlooks the Gironde River, which protects it from frost. A fairly steep slope gradually brings the 51 ha vineyard up to an altitude of 20m, facilitating the natural drainage of the land.
- Yield of 50 hl per hectare.

#### — Winemaking —

- Manual harvest with sorting in the vineyards.
- Optical sorting table in the cellars.
- Fermentation in temperature controlled stainless-steel or concrete tanks.
- Post-fermentation maceration for an average of 20 days before the wine is run off.
- Malolactic fermentation in oak barrels.
- Aged 16 months in French oak barrels, 15% new.



**92 Points.** This is the second wine from this estate that faces the Gironde estuary. It has rich tannins as well as powerful black-currant fruits. With density as well as bold flavors and structure, the wine is set to mature well.

