

# CHATEAU LAJARRE 2016

## Appellation Bordeaux Supérieur

### ~ Background ~

Directed by Gregory Lovato since 2005, a young doctor and winemaker, Château Lajarre is a 50 hectare property with 33 hectares in one continuous block, situated a few kilometers southwest of Saint Emilion. Suited on gravely and siliceous soils, Chateau Lajarre posses a terroir that is ideal for high quality vines.

Originally the property of the Duke of Lorge in the early nineteenth century, the estate was sold during the Second Empire to Jean Gautier, Minister of finance of Louis-Philippe, mayor of Bordeaux who constructed the current Chateaux where the current owners live. After having passed through the hands of multiple negociants, the estate was purchased by the Lovato family in 1973, who also owned Chateau Canon-Montségur in Castillon-Cotes de Bordeaux.

The wines produced at the estate are fruity with aromas of red fruits, good tannic structure, elegant and round in the mouth. They can be drunk quickly or cellared for up to 7 years.

### ~ Viticulture ~

- **80% Merlot & 20% Cabernet Franc**
- Average age of vines: 25 years
- Clay and limestone.
- 33 hectares
- Density of vines 3300 to 5500 vines per hectare.

### ~ Winemaking ~

- Destemming before sorted on an vibrating sorting table.
- Pre-fermentation cold maceration between 3 to 5 days.
- Fermentation at low temperatures of 26-28 °C with thermoregulation system.
- Punching down and pumping over.
- Press wine in cage with vertical press before malolactic fermentation.
- First blend is aged in oak barrels with the rest aging in stainless steel vats.
- Vinification by oenologist Stephan Toutoundji.
- Production per year: 5 000 cases



### ~ Tasting Notes ~

Dark color, expressive on nose, fruity, red fruit, red berries, balance, great value. The wine is firm and structured although with enough fruit weight to give the wine a good potential for aging. Still full of young energy, it is going to develop balance. Its fleshy core of plum, anise and cassis flavors, framed nicely by toasty spice and sandalwood notes. This wine has a creamy, friendly finish.

