

CHATEAU VIEUX MAILLET 2019

AOP Pomerol

~ Background ~

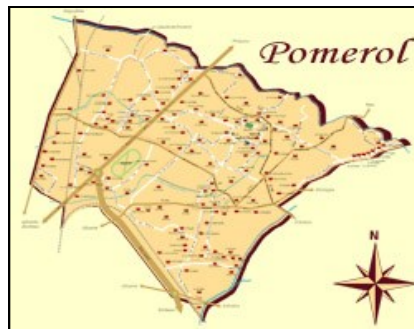
Chateau Vieux Maillet is located in Pomerol village. The name of "Vieux Maillet" is directly associated to its location. It is situated in a Maillet area. The Chateau is well located close by the prestigious Chateau Le Bon Pasteur.

Pomerol is an appellation, recognized in 1936, of only 785 hectares of vines, one of the smallest in the Bordeaux region, bordered by the city of Libourne to the west and by the appellation Saint-Emilion to the east, by the appellation Lalande de Pomerol to the north. And this appellation is often qualified as the most Burgundian in Bordeaux.

In 2004, Mr & Mrs Laviale already owner of Chateau Lussac acquired Chateau Vieux Maillet. At that time, its vineyard area was less than 2 hectares. Today, its land base is 8 Hectares and 65 ares. The first original block of the property is located around the buildings. The second block is located in the place called Cantereau.

The objective of Hervé Laviale is to produce the best wine of the appellation.

In order to respect its objective, they have brought on Michel Rolland as the consultant winemaker.



Griet Laviale Van Malderen & Hervé Laviale, owners

~ Viticulture ~

All vineyard work is manual. Extreme care is given to the vines in order to produce exceptional high-quality grapes with intense fruit concentration.

- Vineyard surface of 8,65 hectares.
- Soil: Gravely, sandy soils over clayey molasse with ferruginous sandstone over a deep gravel under soil.
- Average age of the vines is 35 years.
- Density of the vineyard : 5500 to 8000 vines per hectare.
- Yield: 26 hectoliters per hectare.
- **Blend: 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc & 5% Cabernet Sauvignon.**



~ Tasting Notes~

The 2019 Vieux Maillet has a deep garnet-purple color and well-expressed notes of black cherries, fresh blackberries and black raspberries with suggestions of dried mediterranean herbs, dark chocolate, eucalyptus and cracked black pepper. Medium to fullbodied, the palate delivers vibrant black fruits with an approachable texture of ripe, rounded tannins and plenty of freshness, finishing with a peppery lift.

~ Winemaking ~

The winemaker is Ms Laurence Ters, who works closely under the guidance of Michel Rolland. The estate is remarkable for its organization and well-equipped winemaking facilities.

- The vat room has 13 thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks, ranging from 43 Hectoliters to 61 Hl. In addition, there are containers for complete vinification, Amphora of 3.2 Hl and egg of 4 Hl.
- Manual harvest using small flat baskets. Sorted twice, before and after de-stemming.
- Gravity vatting in thermo-regulated stainless steel vats.
- Alcoholic fermentation in temperature-controlled stainless steel vats at 28°C during 8-12 days, in vats and barrels, (integral vinification).
- Post fermentation maceration up to 29-30°C during 10-15 days.
- Malolactic fermentation and sur lies ageing for 14-16 months: 40% in new French oak barrels and 60% in French oak barrels and amphoras.
- Average annual production: around 30,000 bottles.



93 Points :

Aromas of dark plums, blackcurrants, tea, mint chocolate, charred bark, walnuts and spices. Some lemon zest, too. It's medium-to full-bodied with fine-grained tannins. Plush and textured with a chewy finish. 85% merlot, 10% cabernet franc and 5% cabernet sauvignon. Better after 2024.



92 Points :

Superripe Merlot gives a wine that is succulent, rich, and densely packed with balanced blackberry fruits and solid tannins. The wine's layers of ripeness promise great things. Drink from 2025.

