



FRANÇOIS THIENPONT

L'ETOILE 2012

LALANDE DE POMEROL

FICHE TECHNIQUE

L'Etoile comes from a selection of blocks situated in the center of Lalande de Pomerol appellation. From pruning to ground ploughing, from canopy management to harvest, winemaking and blending, this vineyard is precisely followed at each key points of production. Experience gained on prestigious terroirs, establishment of a respectful winemaking and ageing added to the motivation of a dynamic winemaker allow us to make great quality wines.

Every effort of selection made has to be noticed in the glass.



- Location :** Lalande de Pomerol
- A.O.C. :** Lalande de Pomerol
- Production :** 21 000 bottles
- Surface :** 5.00 Ha
- Geology :** Gravel, sand and clay soils
- Orientation of rows :** North-South for the best canopy exposure
- Draining :** Natural, thanks to slopes
- Planted grape varieties :** 80% Merlot - 15% Cabernet Franc – 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Average age of vineyard :** 30 years
- Pruning :** double Guyot
- Vineyard protection :** Reasoned - treatments are positioned according to vegetative stage and dosed according to the pressure of diseases
- Harvests starting decision-making :** Parcel analysis through lab analysis and berry tasting
- Operations on crop :** Berry sorting table, then total destemming of grapes
- Vats :** Concrete and stainless steel
- Wine making :** Parcel-based, smooth extraction through fractionated pumping-over
- Maceration :** 3 weeks
- Fermentation temperature :** 28-30°C
- Press wine operation :** Separate ageing
- Malolactic fermentation :** 100% in tanks
- Maturing and ageing process :** 18 months in 100% oak barrels
- Bottling preparation :** Slight sulphating and light fining
- Bottling :** At the estate



**Tasting note :**

*L' Etoile 2012 has a beautiful intense red purple color. The bouquet reveals red fruits and black fruits flavors which combined with minerality create a very elegant pairing. Careful ageing in premium French oak barrels is revealed by a perfect integration to the wine. Attack is smooth. The wine reveals a supple texture and releases its aromas increasingly with time. Tannins are ripe and silky. Finish is long and on fruit notes. L'Etoile is a particularly balanced, perfumed and delicious wine.*