Château PRIEURE LICHINE 2018
MARGAUX - 4EME CRU CLASSE

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OVERVIEW

The Prieuré-Lichine vineyard, created in the 12th century by the former Benedictine monks or "Prieurs" (Superiors) of Cantenac, was awarded on several occasions from 1444. In 1745, the cru was classified third growth of Margaux and Cantenac by the Bordeaux Royal Administration and in 1855 the Prieuré growth was promoted to the rank of Fourth Classified Growth. In 1951, Alexis Lichine took over Château Prieuré-Cantenac. Through a strict renovation program, this pioneer added new terroirs to his estate and rebuilt the ancient priory home. Today it is the safe hands of the Ballande Group. A new page of its history is being written while new impetus has been injected.

VINEYARD

Soil: Gunzian gravel from the Garonne River
Surface: 70 hectares
Location: Cantenac, Labarde, Margaux, Soussans and Arsac.
Average age of the vineyard: 30 years
Grape varieties: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon / 42% Merlot / 6% Petit Verdot / 2% Cabernet Franc

MAKING PROCESS

Traditional vinification in concrete and stainless steel vats. Ageing for 16 months 100% in barrels, with 50% new oak. Stirring of the lees.

TASTING NOTE

With a deep, intense and sustained colour, this wine develops very concentrated aromas of dark frand coffee roasting. On the palate, this consequential wine is racy and weighty with supple tannins giving it attractive elegance and a long fruity finish.

MATCHING FOOD

Serve at 17-18°C with morels sweetbread, braised suckling lamb or with roasted venison and truffles gravy. This wine will be the perfect partner for a good selection of cheeses.

AGEING POTENTIAL

More than 15 years

AWARDS

Wine Spectator: 89-92 AVR 19 | Decanter: 94-MARS 2019 | Jean-marc Quarin: 88-AVR 2019 | Wine Enthusiast : 95-AVR 2019 | James Suckling: 93-94 APR 19 | Markus Del Monego: 93 | Yves Beck: 94-95 AVR 19 | Wine Advocate: 91-93 AVR 19 | Neal Martin / Vinous: 89-91 NOV 19