



## Château LAFON ROCHET 2014

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#### OVERVIEW

Château Lafond-Rochet is one of the leading lights in the Saint-Estèphe appellation. The 45-ha single block vineyard, which overlooking Lafite-Rothschild and Cos d'Estournel, with the Gironde Estuary in the distance, is located on one of the finest winegrowing soils in the world. The ancient origins of this growth date back in the 16th century. It is in 1960 that Gyu Tesson, with a background in Cognac, bought the domain. After 10 years of major efforts, he brought the estate up to its former standing and bought a further 25 hectares of vines. In 1999, Michel Tesson and his sister, Princess Caroline Poniatowska, took over the management of the family estate. Basile joined his father, Michel, in 2007. 2010 marks the beginning of the conversion of the viticultural technique in "Biodynamie".

#### VINEYARD

**Soil:** Deep gravel and gravel on clay

**Surface:** 42 hectares

**Average age of the vineyard:** 35 years

**Grape varieties:** 55% Cabernet Sauvignon / 40% Merlot / 3% Cabernet Franc / 2% Petit Verdot

#### MAKING PROCESS

Manual harvest. Cold maceration before fermentation. Classical vinification in thermo-regulated stainless steel vats. 30-day vatting. Malolactic fermentation in barrels (30%). Ageing for 16-20 months in barrels, with 50-60% new oak.

#### MATCHING FOOD

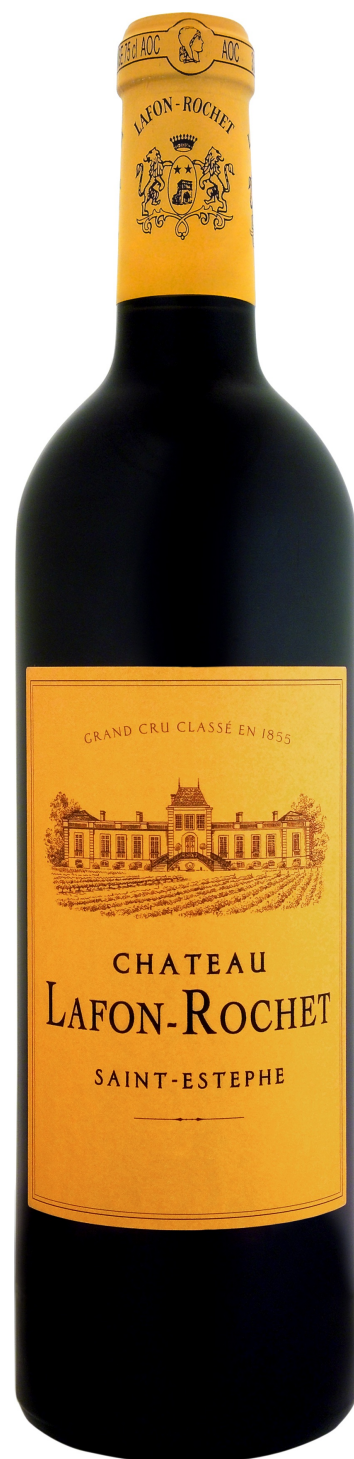
Serve at 17-18°C with stew of hare, red wine stew of rooster (coq au vin) or with filet of beef grilled on vine shoots. This wine will be the delight of cheeses and fine cooked meats lovers.

#### AGEING POTENTIAL

More than 15 years

#### AWARDS

Revue Du Vin De France: 16 - 16,5 | Wine Spectator: 88 - 91 | Decanter: 92-MAR 2017 | Jean-marc Quarin: 16,5 | Jancis Robinson: 16 | Bettane & Desseauve: 93 | Rene Gabriel / Bordeaux Total: 17 | Neal Martin / Wine Advocate: 90 - 92 | Wine Enthusiast : 93 | James Suckling: 91 - 92



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