

# CHÂTEAU LAROZE LABATISSE

## HAUT MEDOC



### **Property & History:**

Vincent BOUGES is a perfect example of the involvement and motivation of the new generation to produce great wines. Indeed, after studying viticulture, Vincent worked for 6 years with the Cazes family at Château Lynch Bages cru classé Pauillac. He also accumulated enriching experiences at Chateau Sociando Mallet (Haut Medoc) and in Australia (Petaluma Wines Australia - Adelaide hills) Vincent was recently elected President of the Young Farmers of Bordeaux.

### **Vineyard & Location:**

Château Laroze Labatisse is a small property of less than 5 hectares, located in the commune of Saint Sauveur, 3 km West of Pauillac. This location close to the Gironde estuary and the ocean gives a climate that is both hot and humid, bathed in light and sunshine, which remains very conducive to the cultivation of vines. The vineyard in Haut-Médoc benefits from a rather sandy-gravelly soil, giving this wine a lot of generosity and real finesse. The average age of the vines is between 20 and 30 years old and the planting densities are close to 10,000 vines per hectare for the oldest plots and are now concentrated around 8,500 vines per hectare for the most recent ones. This high density creates a competition between the vines and the resulting grapes are more concentrated and therefore better quality.

### **Harvest, Vinification & Ageing:**

The Bouges family has always used the most modern machines and tools to work the vines. They also offer their services throughout the Bordeaux region for various work in the vineyard, from planting to harvesting. The harvest is sorted and destemmed. Fermentation is carried out in stainless steel vats for 6 to 10 days. The vatting period lasts 3 to 4 weeks. Maturing is long, partly in vats and partly for 12 to 14 months in French oak barrels with 50% new wood.

### **Tasting:**

Vincent Bouges offers us a wine perfectly combining tradition and modernity. He has managed to keep all the power of the great appellations of the Médoc while retaining a real elegance and a remarkable finesse of tannins. The hard work in the vineyards enables him to pick perfectly ripe grapes and to gently extract all the elements that produce a great wine. The robe is dark, perfectly limpid. On the nose, we find aromas of black fruits mixed with a few spicy notes. The palate is fleshy, ample and the finish is long and tasty. Its power and finesse will make this wine an excellent accompaniment to all types of meat and cheese. Don't be afraid to marry it with spicy dishes, it will certainly find its place and delight your taste buds.

### **Vintage:**

2018

### **Blend:**

60% Cabernet Sauvignon  
30% Merlot  
5% Cabernet Franc  
5% Petit Verdot