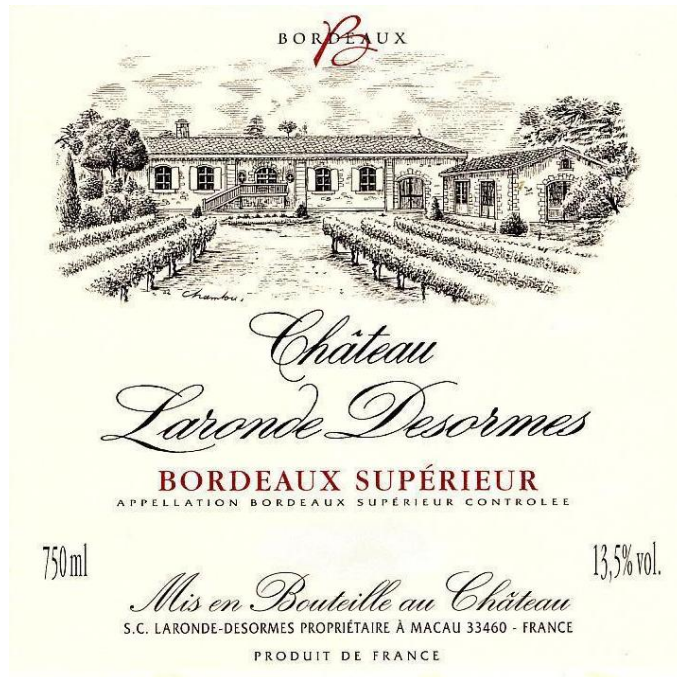


CHÂTEAU LARONDE DESORMES

BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR



Winemaker Claude Gaudin has fashioned some exceptional wines from petits châteaux located along the Garonne River, bordering the Haut-Médoc appellation. His philosophy is simple: the wine is made in the vineyard. Dense plantation naturally reduces the yield per vine, resulting in a more concentrated wine. Traditional vinification and just the right touch of new oak give structure and added dimensions of flavor and complexity. Located along the edge of the Haut Medoc and at the very beginning of the Margaux appellation, Chateau Laronde Desormes shows exceptional character beyond its simple “Bordeaux Superieur” appellation. Harvested at extremely low yields, the resulting wine is full of finesse and elegance, with well-balanced bright fruit and a long, satisfying finish. A concentrated blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit

Verdot, it tastes more like one of its more costly Margaux neighbors than a humble Bordeaux rouge.

Region:	Bordeaux
Appellation:	Bordeaux Superior
Owner:	Van Beek Family (Ch. Gisours)
Established:	1815
Farming Practices:	Sustainable
Vineyard:	11 hectares
Soil:	Clay and gravel
Grape Varieties:	70% Merlot 20% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Petit Verdot
Age of Vines:	25 to 45 yrs
Yield:	45 hl/ha
Avg. Production:	50,000 Bottles

Vinification and Élevage: Fermentation in stainless steel, aging in oak barrels, 25% new, for 14-16 months.

Tasting Notes: Deep garnet/purple color. Dark fruit aromas on the nose – blackberries, plums. Full bodied, well-rounded on the palate, firm structure. Chewy texture, with mineral and a long, satisfying finish.

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