



#### CURRENT WINEMAKER

Eric Kohler

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity: 3.50 g/L  
pH: 3.80 g/L

Alcohol  
14%

DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

## CHÂTEAU L'EVANGILE

BLASON DE L'EVANGILE 2017

#### BACKGROUND

In 1990, Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) acquired L'Évangile from the Ducasse family with a view to ensuring that the property was looked after to the same high standard. Chateau L'Évangile has had a long and illustrious history in Pomerol. In the second edition of Cocks Féret in 1868, L'Évangile is listed as a "Premier Cru du Haut-Pomerol". The estate first appeared in the 1741 land registry under the name of "Fazilleau", remaining until the mid 18th century and then as L'Évangile after its then owner "Isambert" renamed the estate in 1862. The vineyards of the 54 acre property in the heart of the Pomerol Plateau, surrounding the Château, have a curious long strip of deep gravel beds pitted with sand and clay. Famed neighbors Château Cheval Blanc are to the South and adjacent to Chateau Petrus on the North.

#### APPELLATION

Bordeaux (Pomerol), France

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

50% Merlot, 50% Cabernet Franc

#### VINTAGE NOTES

Grapes selected for Blason are stemming from clay-sand and silty sand slopes with a clayey subsoil. These lighter soils allow for better root penetration and provide more regular and less limiting water supplies. The resulting wine is supple and elegant, lighter in style and more fruit driven than the Grand Vin, making it more accessible in its youth.

This year, the frost forced us to carry out extraordinary selection within the plots, meticulously marking the vines affected by frost and those that had been spared, and this continued until the harvest, which required intricate sorting. A classic maceration of 30 days and promising blends in January have confirmed our impressions of a vintage with balance between great aromatic freshness, quality of tannins and length.

#### WINEMAKING

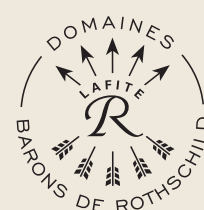
Alcoholic fermentation take place in temperature-controlled concrete vats, during which some gentle pumping-overs are carried out to enhance extraction. The wine is then left to macerate without external intervention.

#### AGEING

Following maceration, 80% of the wine was transferred to French oak barrels that had held one wine, and 20% to vats for malolactic fermentation, and a maturation period of about 16 months.

#### TASTING NOTES

Clear, deep color with glints of violet. The nose is powerful and intense, with fresh notes of raspberry and blackcurrant. On the palate, the attack is clean and direct with a balanced, refined tannic structure. The mid-palate is full-bodied and silky with beautifully ripe tannins. Fresh, fruity finish.



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January 2020  
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90 PTS WINE ADVOCATE 3/20  
90 PTS DECANTER 4/18



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