



DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

CHÂTEAU L'EVANGILE

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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. DBR (Lafite)'s initial influence included a more refined selection of the Grand Vin, and the creation of Blason de L'Évangile as a second wine. Efforts were also undertaken to improve the vineyard with a restoration and partial renewal plan that was launched in 1998. The complete renovation of the vat room and the cellar was finished in 2004.

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

93% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc

VINTAGE NOTES

2012 was a complex year. The intense cold and humidity in the beginning of the year, resulted in a mixed flowering and significant losses in terms of yields. The beginning and the middle of the summer brought sunny periods but also high levels of humidity. Fortunately, conditions in August and September were excellent and enabled the grapes to ripen very satisfactorily.

WINEMAKING

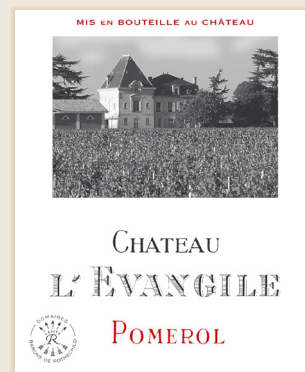
Due to rain, the harvest was spread over three weeks. Although unusual, the results were positive. Harvests took place from September 20th - October 8th for Merlot, and finished with the Cabernet Franc on October 6th - 9th. Alcoholic fermentation took place in concrete temperature controlled vats for 10 days. Maceration lasted 26 to 30 days, depending on the plots. Malolactic fermentation was carried out in 100% new barrels.

AGEING

The wine was aged for 18 months in new barrels crafted at the Tonnellerie des Domaines cooperage in Pauillac.

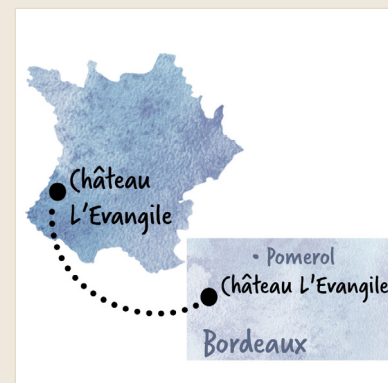
TASTING NOTES

Deep, dark color with hints of violet. Very fruity nose with dark berries (Morello cherries, blackcurrants) and fresh notes of mocha and toast. On the palate, the attack is refined and silky, with a powerful, balanced tannic structure. The texture is dense and very velvety thanks to the ripe, well-coated tannins. The finish is long with fruity notes, but is dominated by the quality of the tannins.



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WINEMAKER

Charles Chevallier

TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity
3.7 g/L

Alcohol
14.5%



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