

# CHATEAU LAGRANGE

COLLECTION HÉRITAGE

2023





# THE ESSENCE OF THE COLLECTION



**Our Heritage Collection takes its place in a series of limited editions created by the property over recent years.**

This new creation follows the Collection Remarquable, which highlights the very special relationship between the wine and the oak of the barrel, and the Collection Parcellaire, which reveals the unique nature of our gravelly terroir and its legendary grape variety, the Cabernet Sauvignon. The **"Collection Héritage"** pays tribute to the treasure of history acquired by Suntory in 1983 whilst reminding us of our responsibility **to maintain and shape this heritage** for future generations.

To celebrate this major turning point in the destiny of the property, marked by four decades of achievements and technical innovations, **Château Lagrange has imagined a cuvée that embodies both the heritage of yesterday and the demands of today.**

The inspiration was to create a unique blend from the vineyard as it was before the Suntory era, at the time of the Cendoya family. This represents a selection of plots over 56 hectares existing in 1983, just before the extensive re-plantation of 60 hectares.

Building on this **historic blend**, enhanced by the technical progress we have seen since 1983, the accumulated expertise of our oenologists, the soil study of 2009, and the skill of our teams, we have created **a wine that reflects the heritage of yesterday and the achievements of today.**



# THE PRESENTATION CASE

## AN ECO-FRIENDLY DESIGN APPROACH

For the design and manufacture of the presentation case, we chose Adam, a company applying CSR, environmental and quality policies perfectly matched to our own.



This unique box embodies a genuinely eco-friendly conception, concrete proof of our dedication to preserving the environment and reducing our ecological footprint.

- **100 % wood:** without any metal components.
- **Local species:** born of the Landes forests, a radiata pine shaped less than 400 km from its roots.
- **Made in the Médoc:** by ADAM, located only a few kilometres from Château Lagrange.



# MINGLING PAST & PRESENT

“THIS CREATION EMBODIES THE DESIRE  
TO BRING TOGETHER YESTERDAY’S LEGACY  
AND TODAY’S VALUES IN A SINGLE CASE.”

Matthieu Bordes - General Manager



## ENCAPSULATE THE STORY...

A magnum bottle with an appearance inspired  
by the old Bordeaux bottles.

The label and the typography echo the design  
of the 1983 vintage: the year of the estate’s  
acquisition by Suntory. The Château and  
two Spanish conquistadors are represented,  
in tribute to the Basque and Spanish origins  
of the Cendoya family.



## ....AND REVEAL IT TODAY



The case has a neat, modern and minimalist  
design. It shows only the most essential  
information.

Just like many Japanese objects where the  
gesture, the matter and the senses come  
together harmoniously, this presentation case  
is closed with a delicate oak stick and three  
leather straps. A nod to the art of musubi, tying  
knots with intention, as well as the noble art  
of wabi-sabi, celebrating the beauty in simple,  
authentic things. Purity in the lines, silence  
of the gesture, consciousness of the function:  
each opening thus becomes a ritual, each  
closing a silent punctuation.





THE WINE



# AN UNIQUE NEW BLEND

Over the past forty years, we have been implementing a replantation plan with Cabernet Sauvignon. This iconic grape variety is very well adapted to our gravelly terroirs and all the more so in the context of climate change thanks to its later ripening. This policy is reflected in recent vintages of our Grand Vin, as the proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon has grown in our blends. The Château Lagrange 2023 is an eloquent illustration of this trend, with its 84 % of Cabernet Sauvignon and 16 % of Merlot.

However, the Heritage Collection draws its personality from the original plots of the estate, already planted at the time of acquisition by Suntory.

At that time, Merlot occupied a more prominent place in the vineyard: **a unique balance from the past that this blend reinterprets most elegantly, with 46% Merlot and 54% Cabernet Sauvignon.** Different from the classic Grand Vin of Château Lagrange, it reveals another facet: that of a reinvented story.





## THE VINTAGE

# 2023

The episodes of rain occurred mainly outside of the vines' growth period, enabling the soils' hydric reserves to be replenished.

2023 was a hot, early ripening year which produced grapes at perfect maturity! The skills of our technical teams allowed us to thwart the difficulties that we faced in June and arrive fully prepared for the summer season and the coming harvest.



The serenity of the harvest showed on the happy, smiling faces of the teams, rewarded at last with a crop that was generous in both quantity and quality.

There were no less than 113 batches in total - a record number that allowed us even greater precision in the task of blending.

# QUEST OF EXCELLENCE IN THE PALATE

## TASTING NOTES

The 2023 vintage brought us particularly generous, ripe Merlots, ideal for the creation of this unique cuvée, where the proportion of this variety is higher than in our usual blends.

The result is a lively, opulent wine offering attractive red fruit aromas.

The concentration and density of the Cabernet Sauvignons bring balance while conferring a certain depth and ageing potential. The Heritage Collection offers a contemporary reinterpretation of what Château Lagrange might have been forty years ago.



## PHILOSOPHY

This remarkable vintage celebrates in the most beautiful way 40 years under the benevolent guidance of our Japanese owner.

We measure the chance and privilege of working alongside them with a common philosophy:

**THE QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE  
WITHOUT COMPROMISE.**



“WE ARE ATTENTIVE TO EACH AND EVERY  
DETAIL THROUGHTOUT THE CREATION PROCESS  
OF OUR WINES, ALWAYS ENSURING  
THE TERROIR CAN EXPRESS  
ALL ITS CHARACTER.”

Matthieu Bordes - General Manager







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