'Always good wines'
Guide Hachette

'Lots of character: a great wine'
Neil Martin, The Wine Journal

Appellation: Lalande de Pomerol
Owner: The Figeac-Bourotte family
Director: Jean-Baptiste Bourotte
Technical Director: Cécile Dupuis
Consultant Winemaker: Michel Rolland - Christian Veyry
Surface area: 10 hectares
Soils: 6 ha sandy-clay at the surface, with gravelly subsoil (Chevrol plateau in Néac), and 4 ha on a gravelly outcrop that contains 10% clay (in Lalande)
Grape varieties: 85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc
Vine density: 6,000 - 8,000 vines per hectare according to the plot
Average age of vines: 32 years
Pruning: guyot double and guyot simple
Green works: manual leaf thinning, trimming if needed at veraison
Harvesting: by hand into small crates: sorting before and after destemming on vibrating tables
Vats: thermoregulated cement and stainless steel
Vinification: plot by plot; manual pumping over, maceration for around one month, pneumatic press
Ageing: 15 months in fine-grained French oak barrels (1/3 new, 1/3 one wine, 1/3 two wines). 1-2 rackings per year
Annual production: 40,000 bottles

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A crazy dream

Les Hauts-Conseillants ? The dream of a tenacious man, who was often unreasonable, and certainly crazy about wine. Conceiving and building projects, Leopold Figeac did that all of his life. Which is why he felt able to follow through a project that had entranced him for years: to put his signature to restoring a forgotten piece of fine terroir. Here we are at the beginning of the 1970s, in Lalande de Pomerol, in full crisis but the moment chosen to begin a quality revolution.

Lalande... de Pomerol !

Preparing, draining, planting; everything was done from scratch of this beautifully gravelly terroir, shot through with sandy-clay, recognised by critics for its success from the very first vintage. It takes part of its name from Pomerol, reflecting its tannins and the century of experience of the Figeac-Bourotte family in this neighbouring appellation. All the rest comes from its own delicate, seductive personality.

A long-term love affair

Almost 40 years have proved that this initial folly was in fact entirely reasonable: the family continues to prove day after day that this vineyard – which has now reached full maturity – produces superlative wines each year. The aromas are heady and exuberant, touched by natural silkiness, that meet with depth and complexity. The love story continues with a wine that is both feminine and enveloping.

OTHER FAMILY WINES : **Pomerol:** Clos du Clocher, Château Bonalgue, Château Monregard La Croix, Château Burgrave, Château Beausejour de Bonalgue / **Lalande de Pomerol:** Château Les Hautes-Tuileries
Lussac Saint-Emilion: Château du Courlat, Château Les Echevins

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