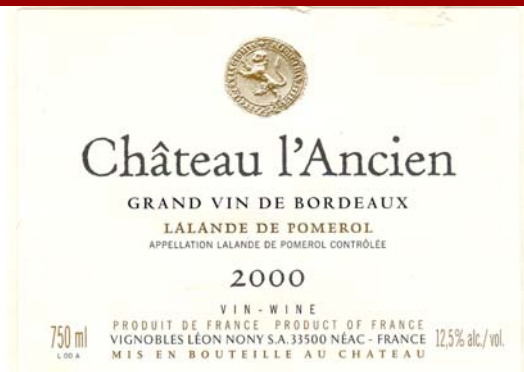


# Château L'ANCIEN LALANDE DE POMEROL



## Château l'Ancien – Lalande de Pomerol 2000 \*\*\*\*

*L'Ancien* Vineyard is located at the heart of Léon Nony's property of Château Garraud, on the plateau of the commune of Néac. The exceptionally old vines (95 years) of this plot belonged to the Chevalier d'Archambaut, who bequested them as a legacy to the Nony family under the condition that only an exceptional wine would be made with these vines. When Léon Nony decided to rival with Christian Moueix's "Château Petrus", this was the vineyard chosen to make an exceptional wine!

### 100% Merlot – Vines over 90 years old – Double Guyot pruning is used with manual bud and leaf removal for crop thinning.

*After a long maceration, Château l'Ancien is matured in new oak barrels for two years in an underground, air conditioned cellar. The barrels are turned by hand six to eight times a day for the entire maturation period and very sophisticated temperature control devices are used to control the ageing process. The result is an amazingly complex and integrated wine, ample and generous and extremely elegant.*

**Tasting Notes:** A very dark and brilliant robe. A nose of summer flowers like geranium or azaleas. The palate reveals black berries and coffee with a long finish of dark cherries on discreet but well structured tannins. The word that immediately comes to mouth is: "Pure Silk!" One of the most elegant Bordeaux wines, comparable maybe to a Château Margaux, or a Petrus. It doesn't really get much better than this...



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