

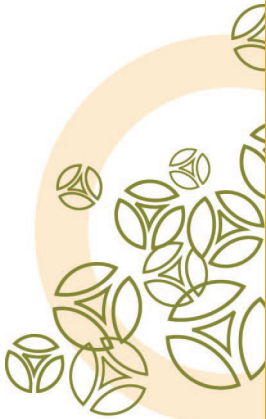
BORDEAUX

**CHÂTEAU LA CROIX
SAINT ANDRÉ
NEAC**

Carayon Family
Lalande de Pomerol
14 hectares

The Lalande-de-Pomerol appellation comprises a thousand hectares of vines in the villages of Lalande-de-Pomerol and Neac. It lies just to the north of Pomerol, separated by the slight Barbanne Stream. During the eleventh century the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta, founded in the vicinity of the present village of Catusseau a home and hospital combined, for the pilgrims coming to and from Santiago de Compostella and it was they who introduced the cultivation of the vine to the district. The Seigneurs of Barbane, Grailly and Castillon made numerous gifts of land to the Knight-Hospitaliers and these constitute the vineyard areas today. Prior to 1925 the wines were labeled as Pomerol, but decrees were passed at that time separating the vineyards north of the Barbanne Stream and creating two new appellations; Lalande-de-Pomerol and Neac. In 1954 the vineyards of Neac were incorporated into the Lalande-de-Pomerol appellation.

Château La Croix Saint André is located in the commune of Neac on a plateau overlooking Pomerol. The Carayon family has farmed these 15 hectares since 1965 one part of which is 100+ years old and considered to be the oldest in this appellation. The grape varieties grown are in the proportions; 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. Yields are kept exceptionally low with rigorous pruning and each lot according to the nature of its soil and grape type is fermented and aged separately. The wine is left in contact with the skins for an extended period of between 6 and 8 weeks followed by oak aging for a year in barrels that are between one third and half new each year. At the end of this process a selection of casks is made to produce La Croix Saint André. The wine was a favorite of the pianist Arthur Rubinstein and the 1982 vintage was dedicated to his memory.

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