

BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU VIEUX CHEVROL
NEAC

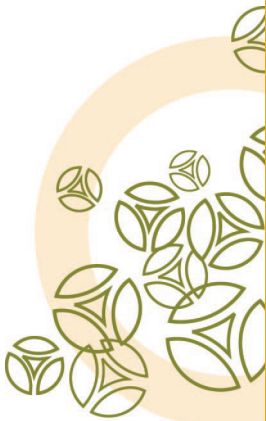
Jean-Pierre Champseix
 Lalande de Pomerol
 20 hectares

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.

The Champseix family has made wine at Château Vieux Chevrol for many generations and continues to do so in a traditional manner. Jean-Pierre Champseix who runs the estate now has a profound respect and veneration for his land, a relationship that truly guides his work. The vineyard lies on the Neac plateau overlooking the vineyards of Pomerol. The soil is clay mixed with gravel and iron-rich sandstone known locally as "crasse de fer". The vineyard is planted to 80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon.

The vines have an average age of 30 years. Plowing is done four times a year to keep a balance in the vineyard and no chemicals are used to control weeds. Harvesting is done by hand and is carried out as late as possible to insure full maturity of the grapes. Fermentation occurs in temperature controlled tanks and maceration is extended to 5 weeks. After aging for 18 months in 600 liter casks, during which period the wine is raked 9 times, the wine is fined with egg whites and bottled unfiltered.


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