



Chateau Lamothe-Vincent "Le Grand Rossignol" 2011

We have to let Fabien Vincent introduce this wine! "Bordeaux is known across the world for its exceptional terroirs, certain of which were discovered very early and could therefore benefit from their celebrity classifications... Others had less chance; hidden or isolated, it took more time and the passion of men for them to reveal themselves. Le Grand Rossignol is one of them: just three hectares transcend the merlot grapes used and have produced a wine of great longevity with a pure expression of this rare terroir. Despite its evident power it never lacks equilibrium and elegance."

Identified as exceptional terroir a century ago, this plot is situated in St-Félix de Foncaude. Deep clayey soil and subsoil with east facing slopes and good water retention provide the perfect environment for high-end Merlot grapes. Great wine is made in the vineyard – and the process here included debudding and leaf plucking In the cave there is manual selection of the harvest on a sorting conveyor at the cellar and then the grapes underwent cold pre-fermentation maceration (6 days) followed by temperature controlled fermentation (28 °C) and 20 to 30 days vatting. Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrels and the wine was then aged on lees in 100% new French oak barrels for 16 months.

Deep black colour with purple tints and a powerful and complex bouquet of liquorice, black cherry, blackberry and cedarwood. Extremely rich though elegant, it's full and silky with well integrated tannins. An ideal match for red meats, lamb, roast duck. Decant for maximum enjoyment. Drink now to 2035. A nightingale that really sings! It has so far won a gold Medal at the 2014 French International Challenge and been awarded two stars in the 2014 Hachette Guide as well as 17/20 in the Vinogusto Blog.

Producer: Chateau Lamothe Vincent

Winemaker: Fabien Vincent

Country of Origin: France

Region of Origin: Bordeaux

Variety: 100% Merlot

Alcohol: 12.5%

Closure: cork

