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Appellation	Lalande-de-Pomerol
Owner	SCEA Garde-Lasserre
Vineyard size	2 hectares (5 acres)
Soil Types	Clay and sand, iron-rich subsoil
Vineyard grape varieties	80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc
Average vine age	40 years
Viticulture	Traditional, simple guyot pruning
Harvest	Manual
Winemaking	Traditional, in thermo-regulated concrete vats
Aging	16 months in oak barrels (25% new)

■ History

Château La Mission's jewel-sized vineyard in Lalande-de-Pomerol has been in the Garde-Lasserre family, who also own Pomerol's Clos René and Moulinet-Lasserre, for several generations. Located on the south-western edge of the appellation bordering Pomerol, the Merlot and Cabernet Franc vines are planted on an excellent terroir of loess and ferric clay.

The 40 yr. old vines are tended with meticulous care (manual harvest) in order to produce a wine with aromas of ripe fruit that is silky, full, charming, and approachable in its youth.

The name "La Mission" dates back to the time of the crusades, when knights passing through the region of Pomerol on their way toward the Mediterranean would stop to pray in front of the Mission cross, which is still present today on the property.