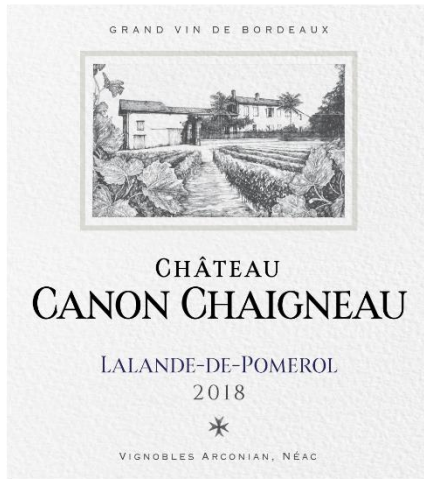


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Canon Chaigneau Background

Owner: Vignobles Arconian

Country / Region: France / Bordeaux

Description: Canon Chaigneau is one of Lalande-de-Pomerol's leading estates with a centuries-long history and an enviable location on the Neac plateau just north of Pomerol. The estate boasts sloping vineyards planted on the same iron-rich clay and limestone soils as its illustrious neighbor to the south. Purchased recently by London-born wine merchant Romik Arconian, the wines are made by Thierry Garnaud, famed ex-cellar master of Cheval Blanc from 1988-2018. Unsurprisingly given this pedigree, in recent years the chateau has enjoyed significant critical acclaim.

Wine Notes – 2018 Canon Chaigneau, Lalande-de-Pomerol

Canon Chaigneau is made from a blend of 93% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 2% Malbec grown in the estate's 40-year old vineyards. These vineyards boast the same iron-rich clay and limestone soils of the great chateaux of nearby Pomerol. The fruit is 95% destemmed and 5% whole-cluster which is fermented in cement cuves for 16 days (with 3 days of lees contact). The juice is then aged for 20 months in a mix of cement and 220-liter French-oak barrels before light filtering and bottling. The finished wine then spends an additional 10 months in bottle prior to release. Hailing from the great 2018 vintage, the result is a classic Right Bank 'iron glove in a velvet fist' with a beguiling mix of ripe, round red and black fruit notes, silky tannins and a long, structured finish. It is little surprise that the wine has garnered critical acclaim from many of the world's leading wine reviewers.

Ratings Information

Lots of pretty red fruits, white chocolate, flowers, and cured meat notes emerge from the 2018 Canon Chaigneau, which is medium-bodied and has a silky, seamless texture, impressive tannins, and a great finish. This smoky, complex, beautifully textured Lalande de Pomerol is going to keep for 10-12 years.

Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com, March 2021 – 91 Points

A very balanced, creamy-textured red with blueberry, chocolate and walnut flavors. It's medium-bodied with a solid core of fruit and a flavorful finish. Drink after 2022, but already very attractive.

James Suckling, jamesuckling.com, January 2021 – 92 Points

Medium/full-bodied, ripe, round, lusciously textured dark cherries, black plums, licorice and chocolate are all over the place, in the nose and on the palate, which finishes with more ripe fruits, cocoa and espresso. Soft and silky, forward, fresh and fruity, this is already easy and quite nice to drink

Jeff Leve, Wine Cellar Insider, February 2020 – 91 Points

Gentle-edged version, with black tea and sandalwood notes infusing a core of mulled plum and black cherry fruit flavors. The seductively textured finish lets pretty spice notes linger. Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec. Drink now through 2024. 5,500 cases made, 1,000 cases imported.

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, December 2021 – 89 Points