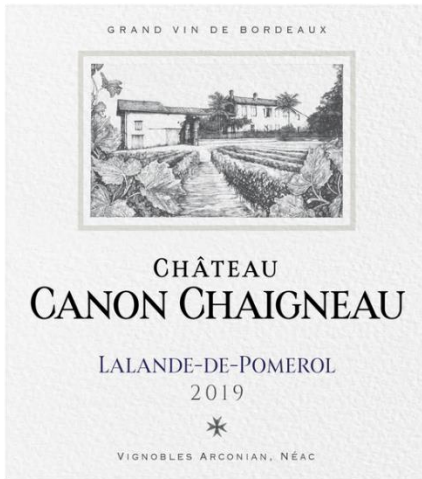


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Canon Chaigneau Background

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 – 2019 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 15 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 additional time in bottle prior to release. Hailing from the excellent 2019 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 widespread acclaim.

Ratings Information

Impeccably made wine, the 2019 Canon Chaigneau sports a dense purple hue as well as a great nose of wild strawberries, darker cherries, leafy herbs, and spring flowers. Soft, supple, balanced, and just delicious, it's a terrific buy for those looking for a great Bordeaux to drink over the coming decade..

Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com, April 2022 – 92 Points

Dark plums, currants, mushrooms, walnuts and undergrowth on the nose. Medium-to full-bodied with firm, fleshy tannins. Savory mushroom and olive notes on the chewy finish. Drink from 2024.

James Suckling, jamesuckling.com, January 2022 – 91 Points

The 2019 Canon Chaigneau has more fruit on the nose compared to the Cuve 8A, though that is partly because it is less reduced. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins and fleshier than the Cuve 8A, quite substantial yet focused, with a judicious touch of white pepper on the aftertaste. Excellent.

Neal Martin, vinous.com, December 2021 – 91 Points

The 2019 Canon Chaigneau is showing very nicely from bottle, offering up pretty aromas of cherries, blackcurrants and plums, followed by a medium to full-bodied, velvety and fleshy palate with a ripe core of fruit, powdery tannins and succulent acids. This is quite a dense, rich wine, but its flavors are more vibrant and its overall balance compelling.

William Kelley, robertparker.com, February 2022 – 90 Points