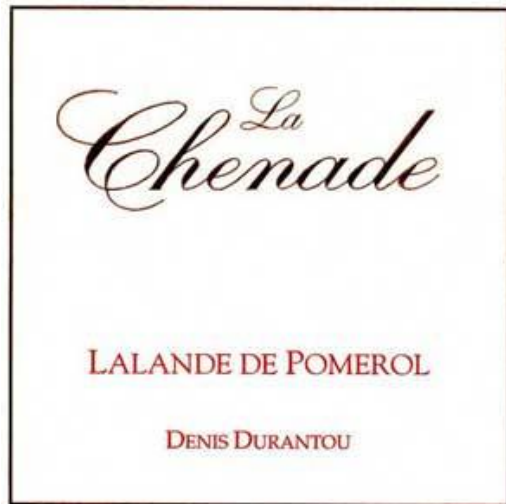


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La Chenade Background

Owner: Durantou family

Country / Region: France / Bordeaux

Description: After taking over the family vineyards in 1985, Denis Durantou built a reputation as one of Bordeaux's greatest winemakers. His flagship property, Eglise Clinet, became one of the appellation's benchmark estates, regularly compared to greats such as Petrus and Lafleur. Durantou, who sadly passed in 2020, was known as the "genius of Pomerol", both for the tremendous quality of his wines as well as for his extraordinary precision in the vineyard and cellar. His daughters have since assumed control, assisted by longtime winemaker Olivier Gautrat.

Wine Notes – 2017 La Chenade, Lalande-de-Pomerol

La Chenade is an 80/20 blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc, made from a distinct set of vines located in the southwest corner of the Durantou's Les Cruzelles vineyard. The vines were originally taken from Durantou's flagship estate, Eglise Clinet, which is less than a mile away. Although located in Lalande-de-Pomerol, the estate is effectively a northern extension of the Pomerol plateau and boasts virtually identical gravel and clay soils. La Chenade is aged in 30% new oak, with up to 1500 cases made each vintage. This is undoubtedly one of the wine world's great bargains, offering extraordinary pleasure now, superb QPR and the ability to age and improve for a decade or more.

Ratings Information

The 2017 La Chenade...has a very well defined, slightly tertiary bouquet with blackberry, sage and light thyme aromas. The palate is soft on the entry with smudged red berry fruit laced with leather and light cedar notes. It does not quite have the ebullience of the 2018 on the finish but it has a lovely spiciness on the aftertaste.

Neil Martin, Vinous, February 2020 – 91 Points

Stylish in feel, with silky lines of savory, red currant and damson plum gliding through, infused with subtle tea and sandalwood notes. Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2027.

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, April 2018 – 90 Points

Hints of smoke, earth and walnuts highlight the dark fruit and spices. Full-bodied, tight and lightly chewy with lovely tension and focus. A beautiful young wine to drink now. Why wait?

James Suckling, [jamesuckling.com](https://www.jamesuckling.com), December 2019 – 92 Points

The 2017 La Chenade has blossomed into a truly fabulous wine. Rich, ample and explosive in the glass, the 2017 possesses tremendous density from start to finish. A rush of super-ripe dark red/purplish fruit, spice, rose petal, licorice and menthol builds as this potent, voluptuous Lalande de Pomerol shows off its racy curves and sultry, alluring personality. The 2017 is sure to be a crowd pleaser. I loved it. Drinking window: 2020-2032.

Antonio Galloni, Vinous, March 2020 – 92 Points