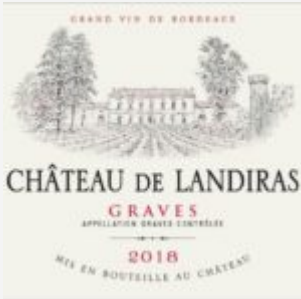


Château de Landiras Graves France 2018

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Final Deductions

VINTAGE 2018

GRAPE Merlot/Blend

GEOGRAPHY Europe

COUNTRY France

LARGER REGION Bordeaux/Left Bank

SMALLER REGION Graves

Rationale

Graves is a French appellation for still red and white wines produced in an area west and south of Bordeaux city, running down to Langon, some 31 miles up the left bank of the Garonne River in western France. The Graves region is characterized by its gravel soils ("graves"), after which it is named. Unique among Bordeaux's subregions, Graves is equally respected for both its red wines as for its whites. Often a safe bet for lesser-known names, the Graves region of Bordeaux has it all: good soil, a range of styles, and good value.

A typical Graves rouge is based on the classic Bordeaux grape varieties Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, with Cabernet Franc, Carmenère, Malbec (also known as Cot), and Petit Verdot. There are no particular stipulations regarding their proportion here (as is the case in Pessac-Léognan), although Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon generally dominate. From a style standpoint, the flavor lean to currant (red and black), with soft berries with distinct notes of floral, resin, and spice, all framed by dark chocolate, vanilla pod (if oak aged), and torrefaction. The texture is markedly less 'hard' with a plushness to the tannic structure and firm acidity.

Located in the heart of Graves, Château de Landiras produces classic red Bordeaux. Now retired from the architecture profession, Michel Pélissié has a keen sense for good food and good wine, given his regional Périgord roots. Vineyards are sustainably cultivated (without pesticides or additional chemicals) on predominantly white gravel soils that Graves is known for.

Sight

BRIGHTNESS Day Bright

CLARITY Clear

COLOR DEPTH Deep

COLOR Garnet

RIM VARIATION Ruby
Stained Tears: Low

Structure

RESIDUAL SUGAR Dry

ACID Med+

ALCOHOL Medium

TANNIN Med+

TEXTURE Round / Smooth

FINISH Long

COMPLEXITY High

Aroma & Taste

RED FRUIT Red Currant • Cherry / Red Tomato • Red Plum *Condition: Ripe*

BLUE FRUIT Boysenberry *Condition: Ripe*

BLACK FRUIT Black Raspberry • Black Currant / Cassis • Mulberry • Black Plum *Condition: Ripe*

FLORAL Lavender • Violet *Condition: Fresh, Dried*

OTHER VEGETABLE Olive (Black) • Beet / Beet Root • Mushrooms (Brown) • Fennel / Anise

HERBAL Thyme • Tobacco Leaf • Laurel / Bay Leaf • Tea Leaf / Bergamot

OTHER SPICES Green Peppercorn • Chinese Five Spice • Star Anise

ORGANIC EARTH Truffle / Mushrooms • Turned Dirt / Potting Soil

INORGANIC EARTH Graphite • Mineral / Rock

OAK AGING Yes *Oak Intensity: Medium*

OAK INFLUENCE Baking Spice • Cedar / Cigar Box • Char / Charcoal • Cacao / Chocolate

OXIDATION/NUTTINESS Walnut • Chestnut