

CHÂTEAU LABASTIDE ORLIAC

LE PRINCE



THE STORY:

Located South West of France, Right Bank of the Garonne, the venerable Château Labastide Orliac dates back to the 18th century, when the domaine was **among a select number of wine purveyors to the Court of Louis XVI.**

The domaine has been continuously owned & managed by the **Orliac family for over 7 generations.**

Today, sisters Catherine & Isabelle ORLIAC run the 23-acre estate, carrying on **traditional wine making practices** and incorporating a judicious use of technology.

In their quest for perfectly balanced wines, no detail is overlooked – in the vineyard or in the winemaking.



THE WINE: Le Prince is the second wine of Royal Heritage, the iconic Cuvée supplied to French King Louis XVI by the Orliac Family in the 18th century.

VINTAGE: 2009

GRAPE VARIETALS:

40% Merlot

40% Cabernet Franc

20% Tannat

SOIL:

The Brulhois region has been recognized when it obtained in 2011 its Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée under the name AOC Brulhois. All along the years, no pesticides or chemicals are used in the vineyards. The Merlot grapes are planted in deep clay soil that has the same structure as the one of Pomerol. The small 12 acres vineyard produces concentrated grapes thanks to a very low yield.

WINEMAKING:

Exclusively hand harvested, the wine has a similar varietal composition than Royal Heritage but from younger vines. Also, the years when Royal Heritage is not produced, its grapes are used to make Le Prince.

The wine is aged in half muids, one wine, two wines & three wines during 12 months.

TASTING NOTES:

The wine shows a deep ruby or Crimson color.

The nose expresses flavors of dark fruits, plum and leather while aromas of dark chocolate and spicy notes appear on the palate. The silky tannins give an impression of softness and character in the same time.

We recommend to decant this wine before serving for a more memorable experience.

REVIEWS:

- Michel Bettane from *Bettane & Dessauve*, one of the most famous European wine critics & writers, stated that it rivals with Château Lafleur by Guinaudeau, Château Rayas by Reynaud and Clos-Rougeard.

- This is the first time that it has been released in the US, that is why there is no review in US yet.