

CHÂTEAU LABASTIDE ORLIAC

ROYAL HERITAGE



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:

It is the prestige Cuvée of the domaine. Only exceptional vintages are released. The “1780” date that appears prominently on the Royal Heritage bottle refers to the decree of June 11th, 1780, by King Louis XVI, which granted Jean Orliac royal protection to continue his livelihood as a wine merchant.

VINTAGE: 2008

GRAPE VARIETALS:

10% Cabernet Sauvignon
40% Merlot
10% Abouriou
20% 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. The Merlot grapes are planted in deep clay soil that has the same structure as the one of Pomerol. The grapes come from a very small plot of 7 acres.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes are coming from the oldest vineyards (40 years old or more). All along the years, no pesticides or chemicals are used in the vineyards and work horses are favored over tractors to limit the impact on the environment.

TASTING NOTES:

The wine shows a deep ruby/Crimson color. The bouquet presents a touch of leather and candied fruit while on the palate plum and cooked dark fruits are melting in mouth thanks to the very ripe and silky tannins. We recommend to systematically 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 the 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.