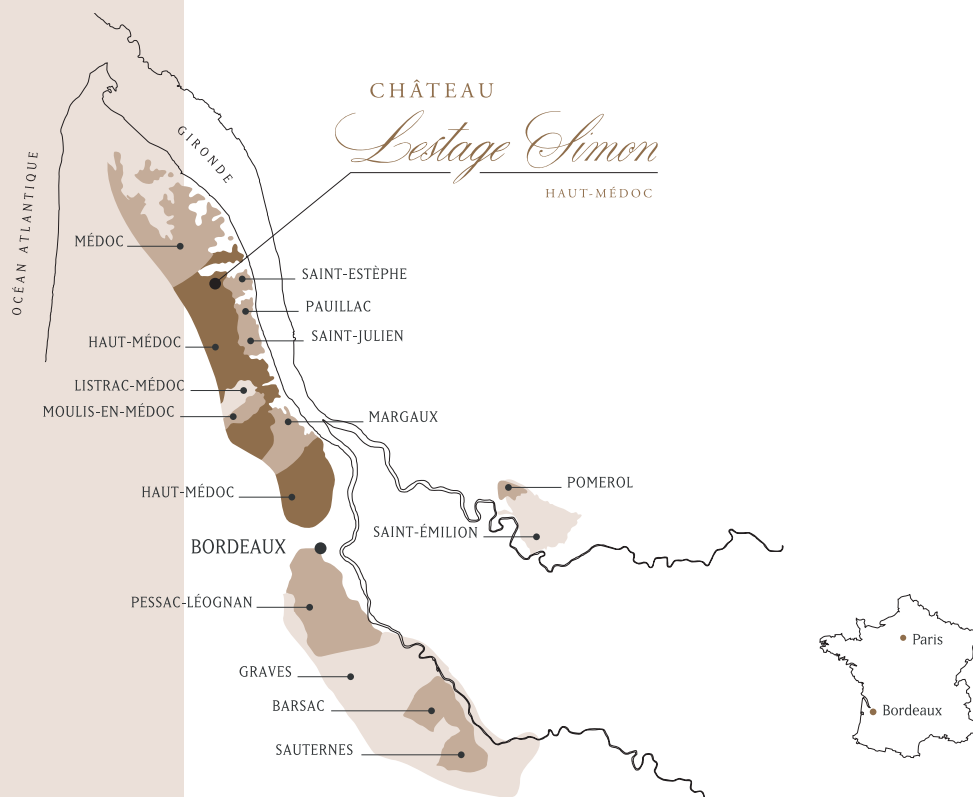


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CHÂTEAU

Lestage Simon



An exceptional terroir

Château Lestage Simon is located in the southern part of the Médoc in the commune of Saint-Seurin de Cadourne. **The terroir which has been particularly blessed by nature is situated just beyond the prestigious appellations of Pauillac and Saint Estèphe.** The property is planted on deep gravel plots near the Gironde river and on a limestone plateau further inland. The vineyard is made up of various separate and distinct plots, each with its own characteristics and different ripening dates.

Closely connected to the history and the destiny of Chateau Lestage Simon, **Charles Simon was a true character.** With a self-assurance which was inversely proportional to his small stature. He was always

alert and often had an astute comment to make. Over the years, thanks to his force of character, **Chateau Lestage Simon became one of the finest references in the Haut-Médoc.**

His genuine talent as a communicator and his real true passion for good food led him to embark on a tour of France's Michelin-starred tables, where his wine was often served alongside the Grand Crus Classés of the Médoc in the 1990s.

When Charles Simon died in 2001 his heirs sold the property to the group belonging to Mr Jean Leprince. In 2008 the Société Fermière des Grands Crus de France, a subsidiary of Grands Chais de France became the leaseholder of Chateau Lestage Simon.





A firm commitment: respect for the terroir & for the environment

Chateau Lestage Simon has been certified HVE (High Environmental Value) since 2019, which is a certification geared towards agricultural practices which are more respectful of the environment.

After the harvests in order to help the soils rest over the winter we do a **winter sowing** of selected seed varieties. This also helps to preserve and develop biodiversity in the vineyard.

Ecological reservoir zones (ponds, ditches, copses etc) are used to preserve **biodiversity** in the vineyard.



Olivier Boscher
Responsable Viticole Adjoint

- **Location:**
Saint Seurin de Cadourne (Médoc)
- **Grape Varieties:**
97% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon
- **Surface area in production:**
31 hectares
- **Average vine density:**
6666 vines per hectare
- **Average age of vines:**
22 years
- **Soils:**
clay-limestone and clay-gravel
- **Total area:**
36 hectares

Bordeaux Expertise

Chateau Lestage Simon is advised by the famous oenologist Michel Rolland and his associate Julien Viaud in all aspects relating to vineyard management, vinification and blending.



Harvested at the end of September when the grapes are lovely and ripe they are placed into fermentation vats then carefully extracted and aged in our cellars, bringing out the best in the fruit and other matter.

The wine is made in a traditional way in a thermo-regulated wine cellar which means that we can ensure a long period of ageing for our wines. To preserve the freshness and finesse of Chateau Lestage wines we then carry out a cold pre-fermentation maceration.

At the end of alcoholic fermentation, a warm post-fermentation maceration may be carried out which give the wines a lovely structure. **Then the wine is aged in oak barrels for about 12 months.**

The blending process respects the character of the terroir as closely as possible. The blend is adapted each year to bring out the best aromatics in Chateau Lestage Simon.





Charles Simon made a controversial choice when he decided to plant a majority of Merlot which expresses itself perfectly on his terroir.

The final blend of Chateau Lestage Simon reveals a wine which is well-structured and made to develop smoothly over time.

A genuine Haut-Médoc: full of character which has fruity aromas on the nose, a rich palate and a solid, yet elegant, core.

Lestage Simon





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HAUT-MÉDOC

Vintage 2017:

Chateau Lestage Simon displays a deep and brilliant garnet robe with fuchsia highlights.

On the nose the wine is complex, fruity-spicy, presenting aromas of sour cherries and red fruit.

The palate is rich, well-balanced and long with notes of blackberry jam and liquorice.

AWARDS:

- **Gold** Challenge International du Vin 2019
- **Silver** Concours de Féminalise 2019
- **Silver** Concours International de Lyon 2019
- **Silver** Concours de Bordeaux 2019

Vintage 2016:

Chateau Lestage Simon has a beautiful very deep brilliant garnet colour with fuchsia highlights.

On the nose the wine is complex and fruity-spicy, offering up aromas of red fruit and sour cherries.

The wine is rich on the palate, well-balanced and long with notes of blackberry jam and liquorice.

AWARDS:

- **Gold** Concours de Paris 2018
- **Gold** Concours de Lyon 2018
- **Silver** Concours des Feminalises 2018
- Wine Advocate (Neal Martin) 2017, 88-90
- James Suckling 2017, 93-94