



Nicole Tapon

Château La Croix Saint-Jean - 2016

Winemaker: Nicole Tapon

AOC: Lalande de Pomerol Néac

Vintage: 2016

Vol: 15 %

RS: 0 g/L

pH: 3.4

S02: 38 mg/L

Total Production: 2,600 bottles

Cépages: 90% Merlot, 10% Cab Franc

Vine Age: 1964 & 1986

Soils: Alluvial gravel on iron sludge

Vegan: No

Allergènes: No

Closure: Cork + Foil

Drinking Window: The next 15 years

Ethos: Certified Organic from 2012

Producer: Nicole is the 16th generation of the Tapon family to make wine on Bordeaux's iconic Right Bank. Despite the region's reputation for red wines, Nicole is best known for her 'Claret de Bordeaux' -a rare style of deeply coloured, ageworthy, dry Rosé. During our visit in 2021, we tasted the 2018, 2013, 2010 and 2006 each wine provided a compelling, gastronomic experience that combined the best of mature Claret with a fragrant, fresh lift. Nicole's Red wines are diverse in style and geography and she follows a distinctly Burgundian structure to reflect the diversity of terroir, featuring her own name first rather than the multiple châteaux and parcels that she works with.

Viticulture and Vinification: Notre vin de Lalande de Pomerol est issu de nos deux parcelles de 1 ha 40 plantées sur le plateau graveleux de Néac. Il tire son nom des Hospitaliers de Saint Jean qui ont créé le vignoble de Pomerol.

Tasting: Serious right-bank Bordeaux showing its age already and very well. Opulently ripe tomatoes, black plum, tobacco, leather, dried spices. On the palate it's a full bodied, yet delicate with gravelly tannins that cut through the fruit. Long, evolving finish.



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