

NEWS



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VIGNOBLES GONFRIER
BORDEAUX

RECENT VINTAGES



The 2019 vintage was marked by extreme periods. In fact, the season began with a cool and rainy spring. Following, the months of July and August were remarkably dry, which was conducive to the quality of the berries.

The cool temperatures at the start of the season slightly delayed the vine's phenology. The hot summer favored the development of inflorescences. Finally, this vintage was relatively early and the ripening conditions were optimal.

In terms of wines, 2019 remains one of the most concentrated recent vintages (small berries, rich in sugars and tannins). This year was also marked by low and balanced pH with relatively high sugar levels). The wines are both generous and endowed with a nice freshness.

The quantities were rather low due in particular to an episode of frost which reduced production by 20% without impacting the quality.

**2019 IS AN EXCELLENT VINTAGE
WHERE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
OBSERVE THE QUALITIES
OF THE GREAT TERROIRS.**

While the breeding of 2019 has barely started, we are currently marketing the 2017 and 2018 vintages.

The 2017 vintage is interesting due to the balance of its tannins and its crunchy notes of red fruit. The gravelly soils of the hills have made it possible to vinify wines with great freshness and superb balance.



Located on mounds of clay-gravelly hillsides, the **Château de Lyde** and **Château Tanesse** were able to take advantage of the particular climatic conditions of 2017 to offer wines with great finesse, and a mineral frame respectful of the fruit.



We are barely finished marketing the 2017 vintage of **Château de Marsan Bordeaux Blanc Sec**. It is an exceptional white wine, marked by the purity of citrus notes and a round, harmonious structure with a long finish.

The 2018 vintage is intensely full in the mouth and delicious. These tannins are powerful and balance perfectly with the aromatic framework of the wines. This vintage required a long aging to allow the tannins to soften and provide fine wines, with excellent drinkability.



We have started marketing the Bordeaux Supérieur wines from **Château Le Gardera**, **Château du Grand Bern** and our **Marquis de Bern brand Bordeaux Rouge**.

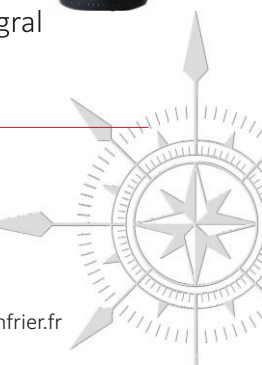
The marketing of Côtes de Bordeaux wines will start around May 2020, and this will be the occasion to taste for the first time the **Château Langoiran** vinified by Vignobles Gonfrier since our purchase of the Château in January 2018.

After having identified the qualities of the plots of Château Langoiran, we have highlighted the coexistence of two great terroirs. From this research, we have conducted the vineyard and vinified the two terroirs distinctively.

The range of two wines was born:

Château Langoiran from the magnificent hills of Haut-Langoiran, vinified rigorously according to the Vignobles Gonfrier methods (cold pre-fermentation maceration, fermentation with temperature control then aging in French oak barrels 1/3 new, 1/3 1 year and 1/3 2 years).

Château Langoiran La Gravière, from a plot selection, made with barrels integral vinification method.



2019: WITNESS TO THE DYNAMISM OF OUR COMPANY



We are continuing to expand our surface area, notably with new purchases of magnificent plots located on the mound of the neighboring municipality of Le Tourne and a new major lease in the municipality of Porte-de-Benauge.

Château Langoiran has also become the place where all our wines are sold to individuals. Many events are held regularly in this Gonfrier Vineyard shop located at Château Langoiran: themed tastings, open days, concerts, openings, etc.



Concerning our environmental certifications, the **Terra Vitis** label will be added to the **HVE 3** label, already present on our back labels, from the 2018 vintage. Through these two environmental labels, we confirm our technical know-how, by providing full traceability of our wines for our customers and this illustrates our historic desire to limit inputs during all stages of the production of our wines.



Our cellar dedicated to the vinification of wines coming from our organic farming is modernized and newly equipped with additional thermoregulated tanks. The vinification capacity is increased by 3000 hectoliters.

It complies with the additional 25 hectares certified in organic farming from the 2020 vintage. Our certified organic surface reached 45 hectares this year.

Our organic red, dry white and rosé wines have received numerous awards this year:



Château Le Gardera "Le Ruisseau" Bordeaux Blanc 2018

"60 million consumers" judged it the best organic white wine in Bordeaux on its February 2020 draw, giving it a score of 15.5 / 20.



Château Le Gardera Bordeaux Supérieur Bio 2017

The American magazine Wine Enthusiast describes it as a rich wine, marked by notes of blackcurrant and with a very beautiful tannic structure. The score of 90 points was thus assigned to this wine.



Finally, the renovation of **Château Laurétan** was completed in August 2019.

Particular care has been taken to preserve the old services in order to offer our customers a unique experience and a pragmatic look at the very ancient wine history on the slopes of Langoiran.

This unique place, located in the heart of our vineyards allows us to welcome our partners, with groups of up to 250 people.



OUR NEW CUVÉES:



Château Tanesse "Palissades" Premières Côtes de Bordeaux Moelleux 2018

Harvested on October 15, 2018 with 280 grams of sugars per liter, and a pH of 3.45, this plot selection of Château Tanesse has everything of a great Premières Côtes de Bordeaux Moelleux.

This plot selection with a majority of Muscadelle is distinguished by its notes of mandarin, orange blossom and with a very pleasant sweetness on the palate which recalls the origin of its terroir of Côteau de Langoiran.



Château de Laville Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux 2019 (without sulfur)

Château de Laville is one of the Gonfrier family's vineyards from the 2019 vintage.

The wines from this Château are marked by a beautiful freshness. This magnificent terroir, combined with tillage and meticulous vinification, gives rise to this wine with delicate fruit and lovely freshness. This cuvée is a testament to our expertise and our commitment to the consumer.



Marsan 'Blanc de blancs' Crémant de Bordeaux

90% Sémillon and 10% Ugni Blanc. Vinification in oak barrels, then aged 5 months on its lees. Second fermentation in bottle for 9 months in our underground cellar.

(Issue date in December, 2020)



Château Tanesse Bordeaux Rosé 2019

Partial vinification in oak barrels to enhance the aromas of red fruits.

The color is pale, with brilliant reflections. The wine is elegant, gourmand with a superb aromatic frame.

The shoulder bottle packaging highlights the bright and pale color of this wine and the Vinolok system (glass stopper) was chosen for its simplicity of opening.



Lion of Tanesse "L'Amour" Sweet Bordeaux 2019

A festive look for this wine, marked by floral and lemony notes.



Château Langoiran Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux 2018

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Château Langoiran "La Gravière" Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux 2018

Plot selection, made with barrels integral vinification method.

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