

# CHÂTEAU DES LAURETS BARON EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD SÉLECTION PARCELLAIRE 2018

*Puisseguin, Saint-Émilion, Bordeaux*

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**TASTING NOTES:** The color is deep, almost black, hinting at the wine's intensity. The nose reveals lightly toasted notes of fresh wood and black cherries, reflecting the exceptional maturity of this vintage. On the palate, elegant, supple, and velvety tannins support a burst of ripe, stewed black cherries and blueberries, while aging in new French oak barrels adds a refined woodiness with gentle toasted notes. The superb tautness, a signature of the terroir, promises excellent aging potential of 15 to 20 years, with the wine's exquisite balance and elegance only deepening over time.

**VITICULTURE:** This wine comes from carefully tended vines averaging 70 years old, rooted in limestone and clay soils. Spanning several select plots on the highest part of the vineyard, these vines are planted at a density of approximately 2,227 vines per acre and receive meticulous care through pruning, suckering, bud thinning, and green harvesting. The vineyard is managed sustainably with natural grass cover, fostering a healthy ecosystem that enhances the vines' expression of terroir.

**VINIFICATION:** The vinification process begins with cold soaking and fermentation in oak vats, with careful temperature control, pumping over, and pigeage to enhance extraction. Post-fermentation, micro-oxygenation occurs during maceration, followed by malolactic fermentation. The wine is then aged for 16 months in 100% new barrels, adding depth and complexity to its character.

**STORY:** Nestled between the Puisseguin Saint-Émilion and Montagne Saint-Émilion appellations, Château des Laurets was acquired by Benjamin de Rothschild in 2003. With origins dating back to the 12th century, the estate is situated on south-facing slopes rich in limestone, providing an ideal environment for cultivating Merlot. This remarkable terroir enhances the Merlot's power and complexity, resulting in wines that truly reflect the essence of the Saint-Émilion region. The estate also features a stunning 19th-century château with a distinctive octagonal tower.

Since acquiring the château in 2003, Baron Benjamin de Rothschild has sought to reveal the estate's quintessence by crafting a special cuvée from the finest Merlot plots. Produced only in exceptional vintages, this rare wine embodies the quality of great Saint-Émilion, offering a refined balance of elegance and character.

**PRODUCER:** Château des Laurets

**REGION:** Puisseguin, Saint-Émilion, Bordeaux

**GRAPE(S):** 100% Merlot

**SKU:** CLBA186

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 3.8 G/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 0.4 G/L

**pH:** 3.52