



CHÂTEAU LA GALIANE

Chateau La Galiane is a family-run property in the commune of Soussans. It is managed by Madame Christiane Renon, who represents the third generation. The name of the estate derives from the English general, Galian, who was prominent in Aquitaine during the 100 Years War. The estate's five hectares are planted with 50% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot. The average age of the vines is over 50 years, among the oldest in the appellation, and some plants are 100 years old. The high proportion of Merlot is unusual in the Medoc and it contributes to the warm, warm, rich style of Chateau La Galiane.

The quality at Chateau La Galiane starts in the vineyard. The soil consists of outcroppings of fine gravel on a clay-limestone base which facilitates fine drainage, leading to ripe, healthy fruit. Harvest is done by hand and a triage is carried out in the vineyard. A further triage is done at the winery using a sorting table. These measures ensure that only the perfectly healthy fruit is vinified. The grapes are given a three week cuvaision with daily pumping over to ensure maximum extraction of fruit, aromas and color. The wine is assembled early in the New Year and rests in barrels for two years. Before bottling the wine is fined with fresh egg whites but is never filtered.

Chateau La Galiane is a classic Margaux, combining richly satisfying flavors and finesse. The wine is usually ready to enjoy on release but can be cellared for up to ten years. Small family properties in Bordeaux rarely export to the USA, and Chateau La Galiane is an undiscovered gem.

COUNTRY	France
REGION	Bordeaux
APPELLATION(S)	Margaux
PRODUCER	Château La Galiane
FOUNDED	1921
ANNUAL PRODUCTION	700 Cases
FARMING	La Lutte Raisonnée
WEBSITE	http://rhsight.com/galiane/

