# LI CHATEAU LARRIVET HAUT-BRION

# LES HAUTS DE LARRIVET HAUT-BRION Red 2012

# Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée Pessac-Léognan Grand Vin de Bordeaux

# Second wine of Château Larrivet Haut-Brion

(35 % of the production in red wine)

# Sold exclusively in supermarkets

## **VINEYARD**

<u>Location:</u> Léognan

Soil: Deep gravel with a clay texture

Area of vines: 61 ha in red

Blend: 70% merlot, 30% cabernet sauvignon

<u>Plantation density:</u> 7 700 plants per hectare

Average age of vines: 30 years

# **CULTIVATION AND VINIFICATION**

<u>Vineyard training:</u> Double guyoy pruning. Ploughing or planting

grass, thinning-cut of leaves, green harvest

<u>Harvest:</u> Mechanical harvester with a selection system

and optical sorting before crushing

<u>Vinification:</u> The winery is equipped with stainless steel vat with

temperature controlled which permit vinification plot by

plot.

-traditional vinification at high temperature (28-32°C)

-with 3-4 pumping over per day -long maceration (25-30 days)

Ageing: Air-conditioned cellar, traditional racking. 1/3 ageing in small

wooden vats of 27 hl, 1/3 in oak barrels and 1/3 in stainless

steel vats during 14 months

Filtration: Albunmine fining, with a light machine filtration before

bottling

Bottling: At the Château

Annual production: Around 80 000 bottles per year

Distribution: Second wine for the supermarket

### **TASTING**

Ruby color, garnet hints, clear and bright.

Elegant nose with aromas of red berries and stone fruits (cherry) which opens on notes of warm pastry (Basque cake).

On the palate, the attack is nice, full and fleshy. The balance is good although the tannins still need to melt a little. Beautiful, long and fresh finish.

