# CHÂTEAU LOUMELAT

## **BLAYE**

## **HISTORY**

- Vineyard dating back from 1778
- · Located in Générac, in the heart of Côtes de Blaye
- Operated by the Mariochaud Family under Vignobles Lesgourgues technical assistance
- Sustainable agriculture

#### **VINEYARD**

- Age of the vines: 32 years in average
- Parcel selection of 15 ha on the 49 ha vineyard (39 acres on 127 acres)
- Sandy-clay soils on chalky limestone
- Double Guyot, yield limits: 40-45 hl/ha, 1,2 meters foliar surface
- Grass growing vineyard / Leaf removal by hand

## **GRAPES VARIETIES**

- 78% Merlot
- 22% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### WINE MAKING

- 19-days maceration with semi-daily pumping over
- Fermentation in thermo-regulated tank at 28°C
- 12 months in French oak barrels (33% being new)



# **TASTING NOTES**

This is a complex wine that offers firm tannins and rich fruit.

It has weight, density and a strong sense of ripeness. With balance and depth, it's a wine with good aging potential.

By "Wine Enthusiast" February 2014

## **FOOD PAIRING**

Will pair nicely with all kind of meats (pork shank, roasted poultry), and perfumed cheeses (like crottins de Chavignol or other goat cheeses).