## CHATEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE COMTESSE DE LALANDE

# 2024 AFTER THE RAIN...

Record rainfall. Unprecedented amounts of mildew. More shot berries than ever before... the signs all seemed to suggest that 2024 would be a vintage to forget. But that would be a huge mistake!!! Don't let anybody tell you what this wine is or isn't; let it speak for itself... Just like 1988, 1998 and 2008, all vintages which revealed their true value in the fullness of time. Noble and refined, the 2024 is far more subtle and complex than expected. It has weathered the storms and braved the onslaught of hostile conditions, putting the perseverance of our

team to the test. Fortunately, those few weeks of warm, dry weather during the summer were enough to save the vintage. The temperatures were hardly tropical, but high enough to ripen the grapes!!! 2024 Pichon Comtesse is ready to make its way in the world; vivacious, poised, proud, powerful and refined; very Pauillac and unmistakeably Comtesse, ready to meet you, ready to face the light!

Because after the rain... the sun will always shine!

- NICOLAS GLUMINEAU

#### THE WINE



### TASTING NOTES

The nose is dominated by aromas of pink roses, evolving towards fruitier notes of raspberry and blackcurrant jelly, as well as floral and mineral nuances of rosewood, lemon verbena and cedar, culminating in iris overtones (root and flower).

Generous, concentrated and subtle on the palate, revealing blackcurrant and dark tobacco flavors. Powerful and full-bodied, it reveals long-lasting powdery tannins and notes of black tea and cocoa.



#### THE VINTAGE



Winter and spring were marked by record rainfall and fairly cool temperatures. The impact of these unusual conditions, particularly during spring, was reflected in the vegetative growth of the vines. BUD BREAK began in late March, followed by a slowdown in the growth cycle. The time between FLOWERING and VÉRAISON (colour change) seemed to stretch on forever, from early June until mid-August. Coulure (shot berries), millerandage (abnormal fruit set) and mildew tarnished yield forecasts. Fortunately, a few weeks of dry, sunny weather from

mid-July until late August was propitious to the ripening of the grapes. This is evidence that even in wet years, Cabernet Sauvignon, the predominant grape variety at Pichon Comtesse, fares well. The HARVEST took place later than previous vintages, from 23 September to 8 October.

#### THE VINEYARD

SURFACE AREA

114 HECTARES IN PRODUCTION: 92 Hectares



GRAVELS CLAY & SAND

DENSITY OF PLANTATION

9.000 vines / Hectare



28 years

#### VINEYARD MANAGEMENT

CONVERSION TO ORGANIC FARMING, USE OF BIODYNAMIC PREPARATIONS ON 85% OF THE VINEYARD.

### THE CLIMATE



– ACCUMULATED PRECIPITATIONS VS AVERAGE TEMPERATURES (FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER) -

