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AN ELEGANT SEGUE

Château Lassègue

2004 Lassègue Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

Bordeaux, France

Pierre Seillan was born in Gascony in Southwest France to a winemaking family, and spent two decades in Bordeaux as technical director and winemaker to seven different châteaux. He took his expertise and his wife Monique to [California](#) in 1997, where he worked with Jess Jackson and his wife Barbara Banke overseeing the creation of Jackson Park (Bennett Valley), a 110-acre estate on Mount Taylor planted exclusively with Merlot, and the creation of [Vérité](#) in [Sonoma County](#). Now, the four of them have teamed up back in France on Château Lassègue, a Grand Cru Bordeaux Estate in Saint-Émilion with a distinctive terroir where the vineyards are bathed in sunlight from dawn to dusk. The vines, which are all at least 35 years old, were grown on a hillside through limestone, clay, and white rock for this particular Bordeaux blend of 60 percent Merlot, 35 percent Cabernet Franc, and 5 percent Cabernet Sauvignon. After the grapes were handpicked, crushed, and fermented, the juice was aged 15 months in 100 percent French oak barrels, yielding 5,000 cases. The result is a complex, layered, elegant wine that reveals its tannins in its finish, and will continue to improve with age. Serve it with beef, veal, or poultry.

Rating: [15/20](#)

Price: \$50