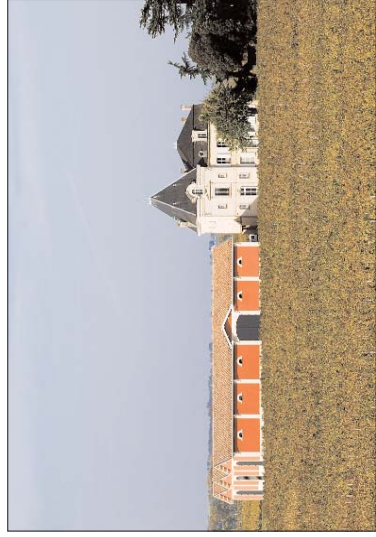
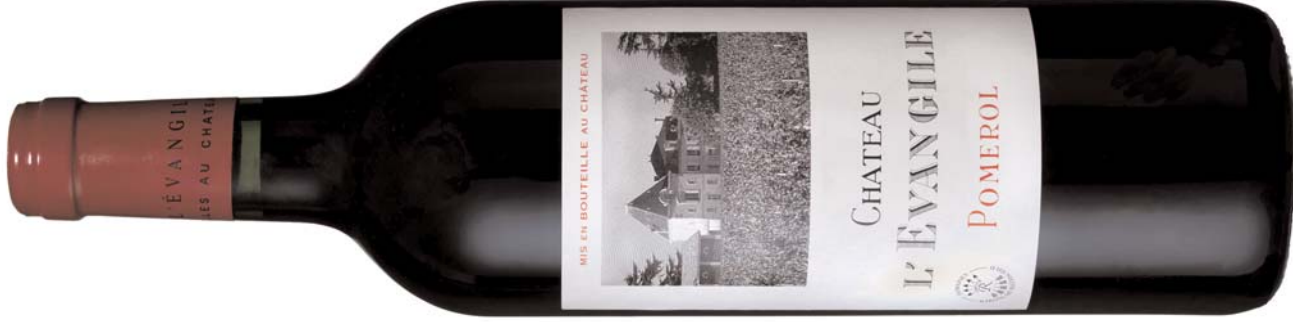


# CHÂTEAU L'EVANGILE

LES DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)  
POMEROL, FRANCE



The Légisse family from Libourne founded what is now Château L'Évangile and during the mid 18th century, they were actively involved in building the Pomerol vineyard. L'Évangile appeared in the 1741 land registry under the name of Fazilleau, and was later sold to a lawyer named Isambert who renamed the estate "L'Évangile".

At the turn of the 19th century, the estate already held much of its current configuration, stretching out over 13 hectares. In 1862 Paul Chapéron purchased L'Évangile. His descendants, the Ducasse family, would remain the property's owners until 1990.

In 1990, Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) acquired L'Évangile from the Ducasse family. With the goal of bringing sustained care to the operations, Domaines Barons de Rothschild's (Lafite) initial influence included a more refined selection of the fine wines, and the creation of Blason de L'Évangile as a second wine.



By a curious mystery of Bordeaux soil, the southeast Pomerol plateau features a long strip of stones. Three vineyards, including L'Évangile, share this rare soil. The 14 hectare estate occupies a very strategic position, bordered to the north by the vineyards of Château Pétrus and separated from Cheval Blanc in Saint-Émilion to the south by nothing more than a secondary road. The soil is sandy clay with pure stones and with the bedrock featuring iron oxide. The average age of the vineyard is 30 years and is planted Merlot (65%) and Cabernet Franc (35%).

The cellar operations are traditional yet modern. The local tradition of fermenting in cement tanks gives the wine its full color, strong tannins and a "bouquet" of the grapes from the Pomerol area. After fermentation, the wine is stored in oak barrels for two years.

Château l'Évangile  
Blason de l'Évangile

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## Château L'Évangile 2008

### THE VINEYARD

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### HARVEST & AGEING

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### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Dense, dark color with hints of violet. Intense nose with mocha, stone fruits, violets and spices. Generous and full-bodied in the mouth, with a powerful, harmonious texture. Smooth finish with lots of very soft tannins that remain dense without being aggressive.

Grape Varieties: Merlot 84 %, Cabernet Franc 16 %

Yields: 38 hl/ha

Average Production: 3,200 cases

Finished Alcohol: 14.5 %

Total Acidity: 4.2 g/l

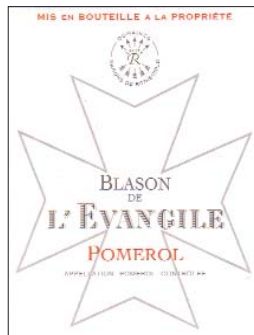


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## Blason de L'Evangile 2008

### THE VINEYARD

Indeed Blason de L'Evangile, the second label of Château L'Evangile, is selected from vats of the "Grand Vin" Château L'Evangile, it features characteristics similar to those of the "Grand Vin", but with lesser potential for ageing as its ageing in barrels is much shorter. Its name comes from the former owners who used their emblem. It must be drunk younger than its more robust counterpart. By one of those curious mysteries of Bordeaux soil, a long strip of gravel appears in the middle of the Pomerol Plateau, mixing with the local clay. The wines of this soil have been well known since the poet Ausonius sang their praise. The property was known as "Fazilleau" until the mid 18th century, and soon after, became famous under its present denomination "Château L'Evangile". The 14 hectare vineyard is grouped around the Chateau on clay-based gravel. The vines, on average, are 30 years old.

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### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Intense, deep color; direct, open, fruity nose, with a fine expression of terroir for this 100% Merlot wine. In the mouth, it is big, full-bodied and heady with fresh notes of dark fruit. The finish is long, with a mellow, balanced, deep tannic structure.

Grape Varieties: 100% Merlot

Yields: 27 hl/ha

Average Production: 700 cases

Finished Alcohol: 14 %

Total Acidity: 4.5 g/l



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2008

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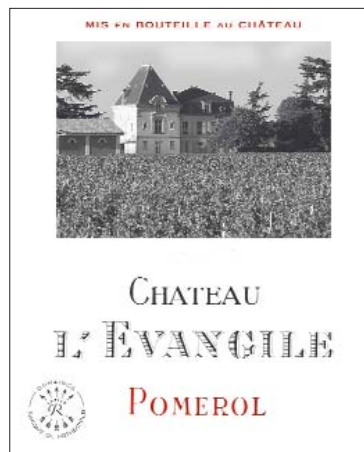
*A 2,700-case blend of 88% Merlot and 12% Cabernet Franc cropped at a low 27 hectoliters per hectare (compare that with 39 hectoliters per hectare in 2009 and 31 in 2010), this superb claret was aged 18 months in 75% new French oak. Mulberry, spring flower, black cherry and raspberry characteristics as well as hints of spice and coffee emerge from this full-bodied, opulent, structured beauty. It should age effortlessly for 15-20 years.*

*Wine Advocate # 194 - May 2011*



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2008  
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**93**pts

AS SEEN IN...

**Wine Spectator**

*Fleshy, but pure and elegant, with a gorgeous beam of raspberry ganache, plum sauce and cherry preserve laced with subtle graphite, spice and violet hints. The long finish is persistent, but with some admirable power in reserve. Best from 2013 through 2020.*

*J.M. - April 30, 2011*



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# BLASON DE L'EVANGILE

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2008

POMEROL, FRANCE



*As seen in...*

**Wine Spectator**

**90** pts.

*Juicy, with kirsch, raspberry and linzer torte notes that pump along nicely, with velvety tannins and a spice box- and black tea-loaded finish. Delicious. Drink now through 2015..*

*Web 2011*