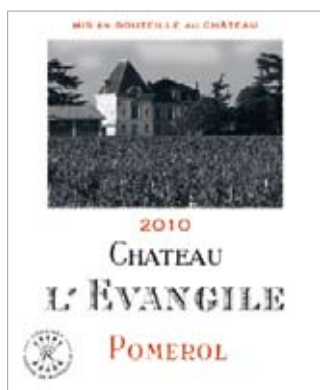


# CHÂTEAU L'ÉVANGILE



POMEROL

Owner: Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite)



Due to a curious geological anomaly, a long strip of gravel was formed on the southeastern part of the Pomerol plateau. Three vineyards, including L'Évangile, share this rare terroir. The estate is bordered to the north by Pétrus, and is only separated from Cheval Blanc to the south (in the Saint-Émilion appellation) by a country road.

The property was constituted in the 18<sup>th</sup> century by the Légglise family and was renamed L'Évangile at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

In 1862, L'Évangile was acquired by Paul Chaperon, whose heirs, the Ducasse family, were owners until 1990. As early as 1868, it was considered the Premier Cru du Haut Pomerol (2nd edition of Cocks and Féret).

Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) acquired Château L'Évangile in 1990. The first manifestation of their influence was a more rigorous selection for the grand vin and the creation of a second wine, Blason de L'Évangile. A vineyard replanting programme was also initiated in 1998. The new configuration was finalised in 2004 with the renovation of the vat room and cellars. These efforts have been conducive to a decade of remarkable vintages.

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Area under vine	22 hectares
Production	24-36,000 bottles
Soil	Sand and clay with pure gravel and a subsoil with <i>crasse de fer</i> (ironpan)
Grape varieties	90% Merlot, 20% Cabernet franc
Barrel ageing	18 months - New barrels: 70%
Second wine	Blason de L'Évangile