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FAMILY WINE MERCHANTS SINCE 1906

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## Château Gruaud Larose 2018, 2ème Cru, Saint-Julien

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| <b>Price</b> | £106.00 |
| <b>Code</b>  | GRUA190 |

One of the most famous and historic Saint Julien 2nd Growth properties, it has also been one of the most popular for many years. A consistent high performer.

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### Tasting Notes:

The bouquet is fragrant with mulberry, black cherries and plum fruit aromas, notes of cedar and a hint of black coffee. The palate is lush, generous and open. Dense black fruits dominate with a lick of toasted oak and soft, ripe tannins. A very sumptuous wine filled with blackberry crumble on the finish.

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| Specification            |  |
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| <b>Vinification</b>      | To produce the wine of Château Gruaud Larose, the wine is vinified in a combination of cement tanks and wood vats. A portion of the malolactic fermentation takes place in French, oak barrels (about 35%). The remainder of the malolactic fermentation takes place in a combination of cement vats and oak tanks. The wine of Chateau Gruaud Larose is then aged in 80% new, French oak barrels for about 18-24 months. The amount of time and percentage of new oak varies on the needs of the specific Bordeaux vintage. |
| <b>ABV</b>               | 14.5%  |
| <b>Size</b>              | 75cl   |
| <b>Drinking Window</b>   | Drink from 2028 through to 2040  |
| <b>Country</b>           | France   |
| <b>Region</b>            | Bordeaux   |
| <b>Area</b>              | Saint-Julien   |
| <b>Type</b>              | Red Wine   |
| <b>Grape Mix</b>         | 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot   |
| <b>Genres</b>            | Fine Wine  |
| <b>Vintage</b>           | 2018   |
| <b>Body</b>              | Rich, bold and robust  |
| <b>Producer</b>          | Château Gruaud-Larose  |
| <b>Producer Overview</b> | Gruaud-Larose, a second growth property in the Saint-Julien appellation, is a large historic estate whose size has hardly changed through the centuries.   |
| <b>Closure Type</b>      | Cork   |
| <b>Food Matches</b>      | Pair with classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised and grilled dishes.   |