

Château Ferrière 2018

CSPC# 870088

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	Margaux
Classification	3rd Classified Growth in 1855
Website	http://ferriere.com/includes/entites/7227/1132/ChateauFerriere2018FTFR.pdf
Sustainability	<p>In 2015, Château Ferrière obtained Organic Agriculture certification.</p> <p>In 2018, the property is certified biodynamic (Demeter and Biodyvin)</p> <p>It took several years to implement this approach. We had to become familiar with it and integrate it into the daily life of the property. Today, it brings together the teams that are fully associated with it.</p> <p>This orientation is the result of an awareness of the heritage of an exceptional terroir that must be preserved and made sustainable through ecological viticulture.</p> <p>It is associated with the desire to go further in the balance between the vine and its natural environment and to give it the energy in order to be able to free itself from diseases.</p> <p>The development of the terroir by these farming methods that are more respectful of the environment, tends our wines towards more finesse, depth and balance; thus revealing its minerality and vibrant freshness, the signature of great terroir wines.</p>
General Info	<p>In the middle of the XVIII century, the property belonged to Gabriel Ferrière, illustrious member of the court of Louis XV. It remained in the FERRIERE family until 1914, when it was sold to Armand Feuillerat, the owner of Chateau Marquis de Terme, another Grand Cru Classé of Margaux. From 1952, the property was rented, and the operations were directed by Alexis Lichine. The wine was vinified at Chateau Lascombes. In 1988, the Villars family bought the vineyards and the château, but the long term rent only ended in 1992. The family then took over the operations of the vineyard and winemaking. With its 10 hectares of vineyards, Chateau Ferriere has the smallest property of the Grands Crus Classés in 1855. Today, Claire Villars is the supervisor of this revival. She works with the greatest finesse and succeeded to reveal in her wine the exceptional terroir of Chateau Ferriere.</p>
Winemaker	Eric Boissenot, Winemaking consultant
Vintage	<p>2018 is a vintage that will certainly mark the spirits ... On the one hand because it was very difficult to born. A humid spring and an exceptional pressure of fungal diseases were followed by a summer with extreme sunshine conditions.</p> <p>Certain areas of the Margaux appellation and more generally the South of the Médoc were favored by a few thunderstorms during the summer which allowed to reduce the impact of the water stress.</p> <p>The musts with complicated fermentation potentials (high degrees, malic acid in low concentration) ended up keeping the technical teams under pressure until the end of the winemaking process. In addition, the quality of the wines produced has a character and a quite remarkable sweetness. From the first days of vinification, the vats perfumed the cellars with a generous and intense fragrance, letting the musts with a juicy and round characters. At the end of the maceration, our feelings were confirmed when the tastings revealed powerful and concentrated wines. The levels of acidity remained moderate despite their high levels. This acidity allowed the wines to keep a surprising freshness.</p>
Vineyards	<p>10 hectares. 65% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot, 5% cabernet franc. Soil is deep fine gravels and sand on clay. Average vine age is 45 years. 10 000 plants / ha.</p> <p>800 gr / plant</p>
Harvest	Hand picking.
Vinification/ Maturation	<p>Traditional, in concrete and wood vats, whose volumes are proportional to plot, temperature control. Fermentation on the skins 18 to 24 days. Aged in oak barrels for 18 months. New ones at 40%.</p>



Tasting Notes	<p>The quality of the wines produced presents an absolutely remarkable character and sweetness. On the aromatic aspect, the wines are expressive and precise, the palate delight us with both powerful and silky frames.</p> <p>The comparison between vintages brings us immediately to great references... 2009 for the richness and the generosity of its solar style, 2016 for the power and smoothness of the tannic structure with remarkable aging capacity.</p> <p>A vintage at the crossroads of the best of both worlds: a precise blend of classicism and generosity. By Eric Boissenot - April 2019</p>
Production	6,000 cases made
Cellaring	Drink 2025-2038
Scores/Awards	<p>95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2021</p> <p>94-95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2019</p> <p>92 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2019</p> <p>90 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2021</p> <p>94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - March 2021</p> <p>91-94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous (score only) - April 2019</p> <p>92 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2021</p> <p>90 points - Falstaff Magazine - May 2019</p> <p>17.5 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - January 2022</p> <p>18 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - September 2021</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"Aromas of blackberries and black olives with grapey undertones. Graphite as well. It's tight and full-bodied, yet very polished and refined. Creamy texture. Just a hint of tar on the finish. From biodynamically grown grapes with Demeter certification. Tiny production. Try after 2025."</i></p> <p><i>"This is a juicy and wonderful wine with blackberry and graphite aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, dense, and wild. Rich yet fresh and lively. From biodynamically grown grapes."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"There has been a clear improvement in the sculpting and concentration of this wine over the past few years. 2018 was a difficult vintage in terms of low yields, (20hl/ha after mildew), but they have really done a good job of keeping a sense of uplift and freshness. 5% Petit Verdot gives a deep spice and eucalyptus. Jacques Lurton has been doing some consulting across these estates. Drinking Window 2026 – 2042."</i> - JA, Decanter.com</p> <p><i>"Medium-bodied, fresh, with a focus on sweet, red cherries, raspberries, flowers, and earth. Soft, silky, fresh, and vibrant, give it just a few years in the cellar. The wine is a blend of 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc. The yields were quite low at 22 hectoliters per hectare."</i> - JL, thewinecellarinsider.com</p> <p><i>"The 2018 Ferrière is a powerful, tightly wound wine. Inky dark fruit, gravel, cured meats, graphite, smoke, and lavender all run through the 2018. Yields are down from an average of 45 hectoliters per hectare to just 26, which no doubt contributes to the wine's natural intensity. The blend is 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc, in other words, the Cabernet Sauvignon is especially high, a recent trend here because of climate change. Drinking Window: 2026 - 2048."</i> - AG, Vinous</p> <p><i>"The 2018 Ferrière is a dark, virile Margaux. Inky fruit, spice, leather, lavender, licorice, gravel, and dark spice add to a feeling of gravitas. Powerful and muscular, the 2018 is going to need a number of years to fully unwind. Yields are down from an average of 45 hectoliters per hectare to just 26, which no doubt contributes to the wine's natural intensity. The blend is 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc, in other words, the Cabernet Sauvignon is especially high. That comes through in the wine's flavor profile, structural feel, and huge tannins."</i> - AG, Vinous</p>

Reviews *“Dark ruby garnet, violet reflections, subtle water rim. Delicately floral, underlayered cherry fruit, a hint of dried rose petals and hibiscus, delicate liquorice, zest of bergamot, inviting spice. Juicy, dense, ripe cherries on the palate, fresh acidity, fine, ripe tannins, silky style, delicate extract sweetness on the finish, already accessible, a wine of almost “Burgundian” finesse with development potential. (2021-2045).”*
- Falstaff Magazine

“The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy and offers a controlled power, deepness, and intensity. It reveals notes of bright blackberry, bright raspberry and small notes of small crushed red berries associated with small touches of bright violet plum, iris, lily as well as fine hints of timut and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, freshness, elegance, a certain aromatic purity, suavity, a small fat, a certain straightness/fullness and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright blackberry, plum and small notes of small bright red berries associated with touches of lily, violet as well as hints of chocolate, toasted, fresh hazelnut, a very discreet hint of black tea and toasted oak. Good length. Tannins are precise, well-built and offer a fine firmness. A small hint of zan/dark chocolate in the persistence.”
- Vert de Vin
