

Château L'Evangile 2017

CSPC# 891878

750mlx6

14.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

100% Merlot.

Appellation

Pomerol

Classification

Bordeaux AOC (*Appellation d'origine contrôlée*)

Website

<https://www.lafite.com/fr/les-chateaux/chateau-levangile/>

Sustainability

Organic

General Info

Château L'Evangile has always been considered among the first great growths of Pomerol. Located on the noble part of the Pomerol plateau between Pétrus and Cheval Blanc, the vines grow on a soil and subsoil in which sand and clay alternate with layers of pure gravel. The resulting wine is powerful, distinguished, and has an incomparably fine bouquet. It is appreciated around the world. For many wine lovers, the hallmarks of L'Evangile are subtlety and elegance. In 2004, Château L'Evangile renovated their cellar to reflect the progress made in the vineyard (gradual replanting, plot-by-plot vineyard management, rigorous sorting of grapes, etc.) and aim for even higher quality. The new vat room makes it possible to ferment grapes from different parcels separately, and the circular underground cellar makes maximum use of gravity flow. Château L'Evangile produces approximately 3,000 cases of wine a year, all of which is aged in new oak barrels for 18 months.

Winemaker

Charles Chevallier

Vintage

Winter began with mild temperatures, slightly above normal, and January, colder than in 2016, favored good vegetative rest. After the first very dry months - a third of the usual water volumes - the rainfall in February and March guaranteed good water reserves and facilitated bud break. The beginning of spring was marked by a mild climate and normal rainfall, with rapid development of vegetation. However, nothing announced the terrible nights of April 26 and 27, during which all of Bordeaux was hit by the most disastrous frost since 1991.

Vineyards

L'Evangile's vineyard covers 22 hectares at the heart of the Pomerol plateau, sharing the appellation's best terroirs with two other prestigious properties. Here, through a mystery of geology, the heavy green clay soils are covered by a bed of gravel. These high-quality soils are the source of the estate's great merlot, and the secret of Château L'Evangile's extraordinary power and depth.

Harvest

This year, the frost forced us to carry out extraordinary selection within the plots, meticulously marking the vines affected by frost and those that had been spared, and this continued until the harvest, which required intricate sorting. A classic maceration of 30 days and promising blends in January have confirmed our impressions of a vintage with balance between great aromatic freshness, quality of tannins and length.

Maturation

Alcoholic fermentation takes place in temperature-controlled concrete vats and lasted for about 10 days. Pumping over and maceration times are adjusted for each vat, according to the terroir and the maturity of the tannins. Total maceration times are 27 days on average for the merlot and 28 days for the cabernet franc. After maceration, the wine is transferred in new oak barrels for malolactic fermentation, followed by 18 months of ageing. The barrels are made by the Tonnellerie des Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) in Pauillac.

Tasting Notes

Dark crimson-purple colour with hints of garnet. The nose is dense and powerful, initially presenting red fruit then becoming tinged with cedar and mellow notes such as sage. On the palate, the attack is well balanced between power and liveliness highlighting this vintage's tremendous freshness. The tannic structure is silky, typically Merlot, the only grape variety used in this vintage, giving the wine plenty of body and elegance. The complex aromatic palette finishes with some empyreumatic notes such as cocoa beans.

Winemaker's Notes

Dark, almost black colour, with hints of purple. Dense, powerful, expressive, very ripe, concentrated nose with notes of Morello cherries, raspberries, and toast. The attack is full, generous, and dense with very silky tannins and great depth. The palate is long, rich and concentrated with a very creamy finish, remaining supple due to a delightful freshness.

Serve with

meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, chicken, roasted, braised, stewed, and grilled dishes.

Production

3,000 cases made

Cellaring

Drink 2022-2040



Scores/Awards **97 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2020
95 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - March 2020
94 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - December 2022
95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - January 2020
94 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - January 2018
16.5 points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - April 2018
95 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2018
94 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2018
97 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - March 2020
18.5 points - Matthew Jukes - April 2018
96 points - Jean Marc Quarin - January 2020
95 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2018
16 points - Bettane & Desseauve - June 2018
18 points - Vinum Wine Magazine - June 2018
