

Château Ferrière 2017

CSPC# 869805

750mlx6

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Margaux
Classification	3rd Classified Growth in 1855
Website	http://ferriere.com/includes/entites/6082/1132/FER%202017-ANG.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>Winter had a very significant rainfall deficit. What did not allow to recharge in water after the drought of summer 2016. The temperature contrasts in winter, had tempered budburst (early). The end of April was marked by an episode of frost of a rare intensity, inflicting particularly important events on the vineyard. The plots located on the slopes, plateaus and near the Gironde River had been spared. The best parcels of Château Ferrière were not affected (-15%). After this episode, the precocity of the growing accelerated thanks to very mild temperatures. Our plots in biodynamic farming showed particularly interesting profiles with sustainably healthy leaves after the summer rains and early September when there was a high pressure. During the harvests, we found that the skins were thick, the seeds were ripe, the pulps were aromatic, and the tannins were not very astringent. 2017 are characterized by ripe tannins. The wines are balanced, aromatic and dense.</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 nose presents aromas of red fruits and floral notes. It is bright and fresh. On the palate, the tannins are fine and refined. A beautiful fruity freshness makes the wine very pleasant. Elegance and a distinguished style.</p>



Production 6,000 cases made
Cellaring Drink 2025-2038
Scores/Awards **89-92 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2018
93-94 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2018
92 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - March 2020
90-92 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - April 2018
91 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2018
87 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2020
86-88 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2018
94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - March 2020
90-93 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2018
88 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2021
93 points - Vert de Vin - April 2010
90 points - Falstaff Magazine - May 2018
16.5 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - January 2021
15 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - April 2018
18 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - September 2020

Reviews *"A sanguine note leads off here, giving this a lively feel, while gently mulled cherry and plum fruit glides in behind. Floral nuances check in on the elegant finish. Score Range: 89-92."*
- JM, Wine Spectator

"A very precise and center weighted red with very attractive blackberry and blueberry character. Tight and long. Demeter certified biodynamic."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"This much-improved Lurton-owned estate has produced a richly structured wine. Firm and toasty it has the fruit weight to age well. The rich structure needs to soften, so drink the wine from 2024."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"90–92. Barrel Sample. There are plenty of firm tannins here as well as fine blackberry fruit. It is a crisp wine, with the intense acidity of the vintage. Spice and a dry core show the need for aging. Drink from 2024."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"This is fairly austere on the attack, really pulled in, but then it opens with time in the glass. Excellent dark spicy cassis notes lead into an elegant and juicy palate. I can see a real comparison to 2014 - a very good wine with lots to enjoy, real vivacity and persistency. It's aged in concrete vats (lying on their side). 40% new oak. Certified organic since the 2015 vintage and undergoing biodynamic conversion. Drinking Window 2025 – 2038."
- JA, Decanter.com

"Medium-bodied, leaning to light, with its focus firmly in the bright, crisp and crunchy, red berry style, this classic wine should drink well young."
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"Medium-bodied, sharp, bright, crunchy, red fruits with a nice floral accent. The wine is correct with light, red spicy fruits from start to finish."
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"The 2017 Ferrière has a deep garnet color. Surprisingly, the bouquet is driven by the oak at the moment, a trait that I rarely find with respect to this Margaux during en primeur, though the weather may have accentuated that at the time of my tasting. The palate is medium-bodied with densely packed black fruit laced with cedar and graphite. It is a solid Margaux, perhaps just missing the finesse of the 2016 and it needs to muster just a little more refinement once this is in bottle. If it does, then you should have a fine Margaux on your hands."
- NM, Vinous

"Deep, rich and ample on the palate with tremendous depth and a long finish, Ferrière is an absolute winner in 2017."
- AG, Vinous

Reviews *“The 2017 Ferrière is a decidedly powerful wine. Succulent black cherry, plum, new leather, menthol, gravel, and smoke flesh out in this dense, pliant Margaux. Even with all of its forward fruit, the 2017 possesses terrific supporting structure and tannic backbone. There is a good bit of depth and intensity to back things up. The 2017 is beautifully done. Frost damage was minimal at just a few percent.”*
- AG, Vinous

“Deep dark ruby garnet, violet reflections, delicate lightening of the edges, restrained, ripe plum fruit, black cherries, a hint of herbs, nuances of tobacco. Medium-weight, delicately prunes, subtle tannins, freshly structured, round, and uncomplicated, a versatile food accompaniment, soon accessible.”
- Falstaff Magazine

“The nose is fruity and offers a small power/concentration and a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of small red berries as well as fine hints of violet/cornflower, fine hints of liquorice and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame and gourmandize. On the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, red berries and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, fine hints of liquorice as well as discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are structuring. A hint of tobacco, tonka bean and liquorice on the persistence.”
- Vert de Vin
