

Château Ferrière 2021

CSPC# 742341

750mlx12

13.1% alc./vol.

Grape Variety 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc
Appellation Margaux
Classification 3rd Classified Growth in 1855
Website <http://www.ferriere.com/en/our-wines.aspx>

Sustainability Château Ferrière was certified in Organic Farming (AB) in 2015 and in biodynamics in 2018 (Demeter and Biodyvin).

At Château Ferrière we go further than the principles of biodynamics. The practice of green manuring also extends to the entire vineyard. The seeds that are chosen, depend on the needs of each plot, and the age of the vines. These seedlings keep the soil cool in the summer and are particularly important for its structure (aeration, limitation of compaction). They also limit their oxidation, and therefore the presence of disease. They welcome the micro and macro fauna of the vineyard, thus multiplying biodiversity, including the microbial life of the soil. They are also a source of biomass when destroyed.

Finally, the introduction of hedges, around and within the plots, recreates plant corridors, being also useful for biodiversity.

General Info 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 Ferrière 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 Ferrière.

Winemaker Eric Boissenot, Winemaking consultant

Vintage Who would have thought that after such a complicated spring and Summer, the 2021 vintage would be so attractive, long, and elegant? The winter of 2021 was relatively mild, although quite wet, with more than 230 mm of rain falling in the first two months of the year. With the month of March being drier and warmer, our vines flowered between the 23rd and the 30th of the month. Spring was marked by frequent and severe episodes of frost, testing the frost protection sprinkling systems on our white grape vineyards like never before. At the end of a splendid month of September, the result is there: a very good vintage, with a lot of character. It is up to you to discover it!

Vineyards 24 hectares. 65% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot, 5% cabernet franc. Soil is deep fine gravel and sand on clay. The average vine age is 45 years. 10 000 plants / ha. 800 gr / plant

Harvest Hand picking. harvest September 16 until October 4. Historically low yields, after frost and poor fruit set. A yield of 26hL/ha.

Winemaking Plot vinification. Alcoholic fermentation with natural yeasts. Pumping over of half a volume per day for gentle extraction. 3 weeks of maceration. Vinification at temperature below 24 degrees.

18 months of ageing: 40% in new oak barrels, 40% in one year old barrel, 20% in amphorae TAVA.

Tasting Notes A vintage we like to produce with freshness, tension, a beautiful quality of tannins and a lot of finesse. In 2021, we were able to offer an unprecedented percentage of cabernet sauvignon that will allow the wine to defy time... taste, savour, and enjoy this 2021. It has taken a lot of our energy, but we are so proud of the result! This Margaux wine offers an alluring freshness and a great elegance. Persistent, the palate harmoniously blends a beautiful tension with particularly fine tannins.

Serve with Chateau Ferrière is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes. Ferrière is a perfect match with Asian dishes, hearty fish courses like tuna, mushrooms, and pasta as well as cheese.

Production Approx. 6,000 cases made



**Cellaring
Scores/Awards**

Drink 2027-2041

92 points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - February 2024
90-92+ points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022
92-93 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2022
15.5 points - James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com (score only) - May 2022
92 points - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - March 2022
90 points - Jane Anson, janeanson.com - May 2022
89-91 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2022
90 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (score only) - April 2022
91-93 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - May 2022
92-94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - May 2022
92 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - April 2022
92 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2022
96-98+ points - Colin Hay, The Drinks Business (score only) - September 2022
97-98 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - May 2022
92-93 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - May 2022

Reviews

"Offering up notes of cherries, dark berries, charcoal, and petroleum jelly, the 2021 Ferrière is medium to full-bodied, rich, and fleshy, with an impressively round, generous profile for the vintage. Cabernet Sauvignon represents an unusually high proportion (81%) of the blend."
- WK, Wine Advocate

"Incorporating fully 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2021 Ferrière offers up notes of blackberries, licorice, and loamy soil, followed by a medium to full-bodied, rich, and rather layered, muscular palate built around powdery tannins and lively acids. Still primary and unevolved, this is a promising effort that should continue to improve with élevage.

Owned by Claire Villars-Lurton, this 18-hectare estate was long rented out to Château Lascombes. Reconstituted as an independent entity in 1992, fully one-third of the vineyards are over 70 years old, including four hectares of very old vine Merlot that make an important contribution to the blend—even if, in 2021, it's Cabernet Sauvignon that's in the ascendant here, as elsewhere. Farming is certified organic and biodynamic, and the estate's clay-rich gravels and old vines naturally deliver a rich, fleshy, rather powerful but structurally refined style of Margaux."
- WK, Wine Advocate

"Vibrant and creamy with bright plum, lavender, and wet-soil notes. Medium body. Layers of juicy, fleshy tannins spread across the palate. Lots of brightness. 81% cabernet sauvignon, 13% merlot, 5% petit verdot and 1% cabernet franc. From biodynamically grown grapes with Demeter certification."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Dark blackcurrant, plum and soft perfume aspects on the nose. So juicy on the palate, really high acidity but it's sweet and softly high toned. The acidity is giving some sharpness to the fruit at this point but there is enough concentration and density to balance it while still giving the structure and overall freshness alongside nuances of dark chocolate, perfume, and liquorice. Usually Ferrière has 25% Merlot, this year just 13%, so the 81% Cabernet Sauvignon is doing most of the talking, giving a lifted menthol feel, firm tannins and an effortlessly long finish. This has energy and verve, it's fruit forward and upfront. I love the signature here. 1% Cabernet Franc completes the blend. 62% grand vin, in 2020 it was 68%. 12.5% press wine. 18 months ageing, 40% new oak, 40% one year and 20% in amphora."
- GH, Decanter.com

"This starts out well with clarity of fruit and plenty of character. A sense of hidden power as the tanning builds up, but with extra concentration comes clear austerity, and it will benefit from softening and widening over ageing. 13% press wine. on Ferriere, harvest September 16 until October 4. Historically low yields, after frost and poor fruit set."
- JA, janeanson.com

"With flowers and raspberries on the nose, the wine is medium-bodied, crisp, soft, and fresh with a spicy, bright, red, currant, and cranberry mid-palate and crisp finish. The wine blends 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc. 13.1% ABV. Drink from 2023-3035."
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

Reviews *“The 2021 Ferrière has less Merlot, the 13% coming from a parcel planted in the 1950s from which they make a massal selection. Aged in 40% new oak, 40% one-year-old barrels and 20% amphorae, it has a well-defined, elegant bouquet of pure black fruit laced with pencil lead and cedar. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannins, fine depth, and body. A Margaux doing a good impression of a Pauillac in some way, thanks to the 81% Cabernet Sauvignon. Fine persistence on the finish. Excellent.”*
- NM, Vinous

“The 2021 Ferriere is marked by a historically high percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend. That yields a Ferriere with notable strictness and energy. Red/purplish fruit, lavender, rose petal, mint, and sweet spice all take shape in the glass. Pretty floral top notes reappear on the finish, adding lift. I especially admire the vibrancy here.”
- AG, Vinous

“Deep garnet, with purple reflections on the narrow rim. Fresh red cherries, delicate herbal savouriness with notes of rosemary, lemon balm and blackcurrants. Complex, taut, a whisper of nougat, a touch of toasty aromas, red berry nuances on the finish, subtle fruit sweetness lingers nicely. Fresh and taut, will benefit from further ageing.”
- PM, Falstaff Magazine
