

Château Ferrière 1995

CSPC# 742341

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety
Negociant
Appellation
General Info

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot
Ginestet
Margaux

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 fineness and succeeded to reveal in her wine the exceptional terroir of Chateau Ferriere.

Vineyards 8 hectares on deep gravel with 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot on average 35 years old. Harvested by hand.

Harvest By hand with main sorting on site and additional sorting on sorting table.

Vinification/ Vinification in stainless steel with temperature control and 20-day maceration.

Maturation Malolactic fermentation in barrel and aged for 16 to 20 months in oak, in 60% new oak. Egg white fining.

Tasting Notes The 1995 exhibits an impressively saturated ruby/purple color, and an attractive nose of sweet toasty oak, licorice, and jammy black fruits. In the mouth, the attack begins well, with good ripeness, purity, and fruit, but it narrows out with an uninspiring mid-palate, and gobs of tannin in an astringent, tough-textured finish. The tannin should become better integrated with another 4-5 years of bottle age.

Production 4,100 cases made

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Scores/Awards **94 points** - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - January 31, 1998
90 points - Connoisseur's Guide to California Wine - April 2008
16 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - March 2, 2011
87+ points - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar - May/Jun 2008
87 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #115 - February 1998
5 stars - Decanter.com

Reviews *"What? Who? This is rich and powerful with masses of fruit, character and tannins. One of the sleepers of the vintage. Long, long finish. Best after 2002. 4,100 cases made."*
- JS, Wine Spectator

"If it were not for the 1996, the 1995 would be the best Ferriere I have ever tasted. The wine exhibits an impressively saturated ruby/purple color, and an attractive nose of sweet toasty oak, licorice, and jammy black fruits. In the mouth, the attack begins well, with good ripeness, purity, and fruit, but it narrows out with an uninspiring mid-palate, and gobs of tannin in an astringent, tough-textured finish. The tannin should become better integrated with another 4-5 years of bottle age. This is a well-made Ferriere, with a firm, angular personality, and plenty of aging potential. How good it is to see this chateau finally get back on its feet after a prolonged period of mediocrity. Anticipated maturity: 2004-2015."
- RP, Wine Advocate

"Very dark blackish ruby. Mellow, savoury nose with just a hint of soapiness. Attractive freshness. Then lots of sweetness on the palate. Rather a right-bank sort of Margaux – pretty aggressive sugar and acid with furry tannins on the end. Drink 2003-2013"
- JR, JancisRobinson.com



Reviews *“Bright ruby-red. Medicinal black cherry and licorice on the nose; this smells serious. Densely packed and firmly built, with juicy acidity and notes of licorice and herbs contributing to the wine's medicinal quality. Seems a bit heavily extracted and rather tannic, but there's good material here. I'd hold this for seven or eight years.”*
- ST, International Wine Cellar

“Powerful, cedary nose, with rich berry fruit behind. Concentrated berry fruit flavours, with rich, spicy, integrated oak. Already really attractive. “
- Decanter.com

“This mannerly bottling could easily encourage lots of tasters to give it a chance to smooth out over the next five to eight years. Not ever a bold or brash effort, it comes with the more refined stance of good Margaux wines, and from its layered mix of fresh cherries to its hints of wildflowers, it displays good balance and the inner solidity to age gracefully.”
- Connoisseur's Guide to California Wine
