

Château La Fleur Pétrus 2009

CSPC# 759490

750mlx6

13.5% Alc./Vol.

Grape Variety

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot

Appellation

Pomerol

General Info

This great château is located on the plateau of Pomerol next to its famous neighbours Château LAFLEUR and Château PETRUS. It was acquired by Ets. Jean-Pierre MOUEIX in 1953. A unique opportunity occurred in 1994 when Ets. Jean-Pierre MOUEIX acquired from Miss Marie ROBIN (also the owner at the time of Château LAFLEUR) a 10-acres block originally belonging to Château LE GAY and spreading over a wonderful hillock facing Château LAFLEUR. On this hill stood an old but elegant house dating back to 1782 which in 1996 was completely restored and equipped with a new cellar and became the new Château LA FLEUR-PÉTRUS.

Vineyards

Its 14.4 hectares of vineyards are sandwiched between Lafleur and Petrus, hence its name, and is planted with 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. Uncharacteristically for this part of the appellation, the soils are gravelly rather than the typical Petrus clay. Château LA FLEUR-PÉTRUS's deep gravel gives the wine its elegance and distinction. The addition of old Cabernet Franc from Château LE GAY has provided a core to the wine, perfecting its harmony.

Harvest

All grapes are hand-harvested to preserve the quality of the fruit.

Vinification/

Once fermented, the wines mature for 20 months in oak barrels with 33% new oak.

Maturation

Since Moueix acquired the chateau in 1952, the wines have gone from strength to strength.

Tasting Notes

"La Fleur-Petrus is a seriously concentrated wine in 2009; very pure on the nose but with beautiful freshness on the palate. Tasting this wine was like sipping a glass of liquid mulberries, with perfectly ripe tannins adding structure and purpose. Delicious."

- Berry & Rudd Wine & Spirit Merchants

Production

45,000 bottles made annually

Cellaring

Drink 2016-2035

Scores/Awards

97 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2012

95-98 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2010

97 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #199 - February 2012

96-98+ points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #188 - April 2010

93 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - January 2012

90-92 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - May 2010

97 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2012

99+ points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - November 2011

96 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - February 1, 2012

93-95 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - September 8, 2010

93(+?) points - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar - Jul/Aug 2012

17+ points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - January 2013

17+ points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2010

17.5 points - Stephen Spurrier, Decanter.com - April 2010

94 points - Jane Anson, The New Bordeaux - April 2011

89-93 points - Derek Smedley, MW - April 2010

17 points - Farr Vintner - November 2009

95 points - Jean Marc Quarin - March 2010 (score only)

96 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com - April 2010

97 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 25, 2012

94-97 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - July 27, 2010

17 points - Berry & Rudd Wine & Spirit Merchants - April 2010

16 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only)

91 points - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com - March 2010



Scores/Awards **97 points** - Gilbert & Gaillard - March 2010

17.5 points - Vinum Wine Magazine - April 2011 (score only)

Reviews *"Densely packed and rather backward, displaying charcoal and apple wood notes in front of the core of dense roasted fig, macerated plum and steeped cherry fruit. The long finish is well-studded with toasted spice and tobacco hints. Terrific underlying grip for the cellar. Best from 2014 through 2030. 4,300 cases made."*
- JM, Wine Spectator

"Licorice, blackberry, coffee bean and blueberry aromas; this gets more complex with every sniff. And what a palate. It's so polished, soft and cuddly. Like curling up in a big cashmere blanket. Full-bodied, yet balanced and fresh. Lots of tannins. But all in harmony. Hidden giant here. Score range: 95-98."
- JS, Wine Spectator

"Even with considerable youthful characteristics, this stunning, open-knit 2009 is quite approachable. This fabled terroir sandwiched between Petrus and Lafleur (hence the name) generally produces one of the more elegantly-styled Pomerols, but in 2009 it offers an extra dimension of flavor intensity as well as more texture and concentration. It reveals a super-seductive perfume of mocha, loamy soil, herbs, black cherries and black currants, truffles and licorice, full body and velvety tannins. The overall impression is one of intensity, power, glycerin and richness as well as undeniable elegance and laser-like focus. This 2009 can be drunk now or cellared for another 25-30+ years."
- RP, Wine Advocate

"A mind-boggling effort, this is the finest La Fleur Petrus I have ever tasted. Layers and layers of black raspberry and black currant fruit intermixed with licorice, truffles, and earth are found in this dense ruby/purple-colored elixir. With extraordinary purity, decent acidity, melted tannins, and massive fruit along with elegance and precision, it should drink well for three decades or more. It is an amazing effort! Bravo to Christian Moueix and his team. (Tasted once.)"
- RP, Wine Advocate

"Tasted at JP Moueix and in Wine Future Hong Kong. The La Fleur-Petrus 2009 was not in bottle yet, but it has a very generous, Merlot-driven bouquet, which is very rounded and pure: raspberry, a touch of pomegranate, the alcohol lifted ever so slightly. The palate is silky smooth with real power and density, buttressed by the same framework and build as Hosanna, adorned with great purity and persistency towards the finish. Tasted November 2011."
NM, Wine Journal

"Tasted at JP Moueix. Like Latour-a-Pomerol, this has a ripe, exuberant, extrovert bouquet with lively red-berried fruit, touches of dried apricot, Seville orange and even a subtle note of marmalade. The palate has a supple entry, just a little disjointed at the moment, coalescing more towards the linear finish, a citric thread running through the sweet red fruit, focused on the coca-tinged finish. Tasted April 2010."
- NM, Wine Journal

"A wine that is extremely perfumed, with flowers and berries and hints of minerals. Chili. Full-bodied, with ultra-fine tannins. Muscular and powerful. Goes on and on. The finish is wonderful. Needs at least five or six years of bottle age. Try in 2018."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"This is very ripe with loads of sweet fruit with dark and milk chocolate, berries, but then turns to black olives. It's full and compacted with fabulously fine tannins and a terrific finish. It's subtle and very, very long. Perfection? Try after 2020."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Just across the road from Pétrus, la Fleur-Pétrus shares some of the same intensity. There is great fruit here, rounded and powerful with the ripest character. It is open, generous, ready to drink. The tannins lead into the purest acidity, letting the fruit sing."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

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Reviews *"93-95 Barrel sample. There is great weight here, a wine that is dark and dense, packed with superb dusty tannins. Solid and with a firm core, but also opulent."*

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"Bright red-ruby. Reticent nose hints at plum. Fat, sweet and voluminous, with mouthfilling plum and cherry fruit flavors complicated by smoke and underbrush. This seriously concentrated and firmly structured wine is most impressive today on the long, insinuating finish, which offers terrific focus for a 2009 Pomerol."

- ST, International Wine Cellar

"Blackcurrant pastilles! Not very subtle. Drying on the finish."

- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"Bright, deep crimson. Polished, scented, quite concentrated. Just a little inky. Lots of substance and classic interest. Real density. Chewy finish. Solid quality that recalls older vintages."

- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"Fine, fragrant. Seduces by its elegance. Silky, smooth tannins provide length and persistence. Ripe and warm but balanced."

- SS, Decanter.com

"Vineyard located right next to Petrus, but this one has stayed under the control of the Christian/Eduard Moueix side of the family. Very feminine, lovely soft fruits, very charming (the 20% of cabernet franc brings a lovely delicacy to the nose), but with real power underneath as well, the perfect politician's wife. Gorgeous."

- JA, The New Bordeaux

"One of a number of very good to outstanding wines chez JP Moueix in 2009, this is a very impressive La Fleur. Deeply coloured, aromatic and slightly spicy, with great texture, integrated tannins, fresh acidity and considerable length. A wine that gets better and better in the glass and doesn't rely on over-extraction or alcohol for effect. 15+ years."

- TA, timatkin.com

"This is made from ripe, pure, decadent, silky, velvet textured fruit. With a complex floral, licorice, ripe black cherry, earth and plummy nose, the opulent, glycerin finish is a treat for hedonists. If you bought this Pomerol early as a future, you scored!"

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"2009 La Fleur Petrus pops from the glass with aromas of black and red berries, licorice, spice, mocha, and chocolate. Full bodied, rich, and silky with velvety tannins, this sensuous wine has a long finish filled with layers of black berry, dark cherry, and spice flavors. While more powerful and concentrated than the 2005, everything is in balance and harmony. 94-97."

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"The nose is fleshed out with powerful ripe black fruits and they give a lush feel to the palate. The sweetness is not over jammy as underpinning is bilberry and red cherry refreshing both mid and back palate. Drink 2018-2040."

- Derek Smedley MW

"This famous Pomerol property has been run by the Moueix family (of Petrus) since the 1950's and produces a wine that is always a classic of the appellation and keenly sought-after. Ripe and plummy with a hint of prunes and figs but (as with all the Moueix wines) impeccably balanced with crunchy ripe tannins. Lovely poise, long, impressive and very classy."

- Farr Vintners

Reviews *“A very ripe fleshy wine with tons of seductive fruit - cherries, plums, ripe blackberries. The opulent tannins have a velvety texture and layers of fruit to support it. The multitude of flavours linger for a long time making this a wine that will age beautifully. Tasted in: Bordeaux, France. Maturity: Young.”*
- JCL, asianpalate.com

“Deep colour, crimson highlights. Very endearing nose alternately exuding fragrances of black berry fruits, liquorice sweets, undergrowth. Dense mouthfeel with silky tannins. Leaves an impression of both fullness and roundness. A top-notch wine.”
- en.gilbertgaillard.com

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