

## Château La Fleur Petrus 2010

CSPC# 759332

750mlx6

13.5% Alc./Vol.

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750mlx12

13.5% Alc./Vol.

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### Grape Variety

73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% 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/

### Maturation

Once fermented, the wines mature for 18-20 months in oak barrels with 30-50% new oak. Since Moueix acquired the chateau in 1952, the wines have gone from strength to strength.

### Tasting Notes

The ripeness of the vintage comes through here with classically pure expressions of grilled meats and crème de cassis on the nose. A touch of freshness and elegance emerge on the palate profile, as the wine begins to unwind where the medium-weighted fruit picks up richness. More fruit concentration appears in the backpalate with a burst of pure thick fruit, and the flavors end with fine, dry, roasted tannins.

### Production

45,000 bottles made annually

### Cellaring

Drink 2016-2035

### Scores/Awards

**97 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2013

**96-99 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2011

**97 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #205 - February 2013

**95-98+ points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #194 - May 2011

**96 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - March 2013

**93-95 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - May 2011

**98 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2013

**98-99 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2011

**95 points** - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - May 1, 2013

**93-95 points** - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 25, 2011

**92-95 points** - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar - May/June 2011

**17 points** - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2011

**18.5 points/5 stars** - James Lawther, Decanter.com - April 2011

**93-94 points** - Jane Anson, The New Bordeaux - April 2012

**91-95 points** - Derek Smedley, MW - April 2011

**17 points** - Farr Vintner - April 2011

**95 points** - Jean Marc Quarin - March 2011 (score only)

**94 points** - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com - April 2011 (score only)

**94-96 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 21, 2011

**17 points** - La Revue du Vin France (score only)

**92 points** - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com - April 2011

**90 points** - Gilbert & Gaillard - April 24, 2011

**18 points** - Vinum Wine Magazine - April 2011 (score only)



**Reviews** *“This has a dense, almost loamy feel at the core, with smoldering bay and ganache notes leading to layers of fig preserves, blackberry coulis and steeped black currant fruit. The terrific, charcoal-coated grip drives the finish with authority. This seems poised to expand significantly in the cellar. Best from 2016 through 2035”*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*“This is so creamy and lush, with layers of red, black and purple fruits. Shows muscle on the finish, but the fruit is here in spades, with terrific polish. Very, very long, with power and freshness. Tasted non-blind”*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*“This wine has a character similar to its cross-street neighbor, Petrus, displaying sweet mulberry and intense black fruit characteristics, with a hint of vanillin and loads of black cherry jam. Full-bodied, extravagantly luscious, with a skyscraper-like mid-palate and phenomenal length of close to 50 seconds, the wine has plenty of tannin, but the voluptuous fruit, power and overall glycerin and intensity tend to conceal much of it. Elegant but compellingly rich and authoritative, the 2010 is a truly magnificent wine for this estate, which has one of the finest terroirs in all of Pomerol. Forget it for 5-7 years and drink it over the following 30-35. This 2010 is one of the most remarkable wines ever produced at this estate. The vineyard, about the same size as Petrus at 35 acres, is virtually all Merlot, but there is some Cabernet Franc in the final blend.”*  
- RP, Wine Advocate

*“This is an incredible effort from this 35-acre vineyard (almost the identical size as Petrus). I had visited the 2010 Petrus about an hour before I had La Fleur Petrus. I was dumbfounded – it appeared to have a character nearly identical to the great Petrus! The fabulous 2010 La Fleur Petrus boasts a dense purple color in addition to a big, sweet perfume of mocha-infused black raspberry and black cherry fruit that is extravagantly rich, textured and long. Super-pure, deep and full-bodied, this remarkable wine will be one for the history books. The tannins are elevated, but the depth of fruit and richness are amazing. For those who will never be able to afford a bottle of Petrus, this is about as close as one can get to the aromas and flavors of that mythical wine. It should drink well for three decades or more.”*  
- RP, Wine Advocate

*“Tasted at the offices of Ets J-P Moueix, the La Fleur-Petrus has wonderful clarity and precision on the nose. It is timid at first, but eventually offers subtle notes of black cherries, cassis, crushed stone and plum jam. This expresses its terroir effortlessly. The palate is medium-bodied with a broody, ferrous opening. The acidity cuts through the intense black fruit with ease but the finish is much more inward looking than the Hosanna. The finish is supremely well focused with outstanding persistency. Tasted November 2012.”*  
- NM, Wine Journal

*“Tasted at JP Moueix. Deep garnet in colour, the La Fleur-Petrus has a ripe, opulent bouquet with blackberry, dark cherries, crushed violet and just a hint of blueberry pie. Good delineation and mineralite here. The palate is full-bodied, powerful, a little spicy on the entry and energetic in the mouth. Very good weight with touches of truffle and a dash of white pepper sprinkled over the dense black fruits, a touch of tar on the tannic finish. There is a lot of bravura on this La Fleur-Petrus though it needs to nurture a little more substance to pull it off. Great potential though. Tasted April 2011.”*  
- NM, Wine Journal

*“Fresh and clean with hazelnut, chocolate and berry character. Truffles too. Full body, with silky tannins and a tangy finish. I like the balance and finesse to this young Lafleur Petrus. So refined and beautiful. Better in 2017.”*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*“What a complex nose of dark fruits, truffles and wet earth. Fascinating. Full, yet super long with ultra refined tannins and a long, long finish. It is tannic and muscular but polished and reserved. It's a wine with refinement and ower.”*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

**Reviews** *"A majestic wine, grand in every sense. It has weight, the firmest of tannins and an immense sense of structure. This neighbor of Château Pétrus is firmly dense, showing both the fruits and the tannins in balance. Give this wine at least 10 years in the cellar."*

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

*"Power and tannins on a wine that has initial severity. It shows a black plum skin texture. Very solid and dense"*

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*"Deep ruby-purple. Explosive aromas of blackcurrant, black cherry, violet and flint. Round, silky and broad, with lovely sweetness and perfume to its black fruit and mineral flavors. A big, perfumed, very long Lafleur-Petrus that finishes with fine, rising tannins and a lingering floral aftertaste. One of the best young showings ever for Lafleur-Petrus; this wine needs time: drink from 2018 through 2035."*

- ST, International Wine Cellar

*"Bright dark crimson. Ripe and gamey, almost animal. Very strong impact and still embryonic but with lovely savour after the impact of the sweet fruit - but overall the tannin and acid of 2010 make this a very distinctive Fleur Pétrus. Nothing hedonistic about this. And not especially persistent."*

- JR, JancisRobinson.com

*"My 'coup de coeur' from the J-P Moueix stable this year. In a vintage of power this exudes elegance and finesse. Lovely fruit expression. Refined tannins. Long, persistent finish. Harmonious. Drink 2020-2040. (18.5 points)"*

- JL, Decanter.com

*"Dark coffee on the attack here, some deep rich seams of fruit. Precision with ambition. This is less generous than some here, but clearly a hugely long life, and good redcurrant flavours alongside the black cherries, that concentrate the acidity and give it focus from mid palate onwards."*

- JA, The New Bordeaux

*"La Fleur Petrus Fresh picked flowers, Valhrona chocolate and boysenberry liqueur perfume entice your palate to experience layers of refined, silk and velvet plums and black cherries. Luscious, ripe, rich, pure, sweet and long, the wine ends with a chocolate coated, fresh black raspberry liqueur finish 94-96"*

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

*"Powerful flavours fill out the nose and give weight and richness on the palate. The voluptuous sweetness is balanced by firmer black cherry the freshness giving a bright feel towards the back. The back palate has depth of flavour layers of fruit and a lovely complex mix of flavours."*

- 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. Virtually 100% Merlot, this is big and very juicy with wonderful intensity. There is lots of power and ripeness here yet it is in perfect balance and harmony, with lovely polished and poise. A velvety, smooth texture with sumptuous warmth and cashmere tannins. Pure, hedonistic pleasure, this is what Pomerol is all about."*

- Farr Vintners

*"The 2010 La Fleur Petrus has very pretty aromatics of blackberries, plums, cedar, spice, and violets, with a wide array of flavours on the palate. There is an impressive delicacy to the flavours, while the tannins and structure suggest a wine for very long aging."*

- JCL, asianpalate.com

*"EN PRIMEUR û Intense colour with crimson shades. Focused, generous nose with ripe fruit expression. Extraction and oak tannins lead the way on the palate. A forceful, warm wine still showing little appeal."*

- en.gilbertgaillard.com