

Château La Fleur Pétrus 2016

CSPC# 860777

750mlx6

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot
Appellation	Pomerol
Website	https://www.moueix.com/en/pomerol/lafleur-petrus
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.
Winemaker	Laurent Descos
Vintage	2016 is undoubtedly one of the best vintages of the last years, in line with 2009 and 2010. The summer brought to the vines their quotas of sun and rain, especially 20mm of rain, on September 13, which allowed to perfect the maturity of the grapes. Heat and drought required attentive care to produce wines that are rich in fruit and that show great character and ageability.
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 16-18 months in oak barrels with 50% new oak. Since Moueix acquired the chateau in 1952, the wines have gone from strength to strength.
Tasting Notes	La Fleur-Petrus is composed predominantly of Merlot, which lends silkiness and generosity to the wine, while a small percentage of Cabernet Franc contributes rigor and complexity. The vineyard is made up of three parcels on the plateau of Pomerol with altitudes averaging 33 to 38 meters above sea level. The pebbly soils from the northern parcel yield a wine of great elegance with notes of black cherries. The center plot, known for its summer heat (the area is called "Tropchaud"), produces a wine of tremendous suppleness with a hint of plum. Wine from the southern parcel is particularly velvety, dense, structured, with a pronounced nose of blackcurrant. Blended, these three singular terroirs with nuanced and complementary characteristics produce a generous, expressive wine with apparent structure and a dominance of black fruit. An attentive tasting reveals remarkable refinement, complexity, and a touch of violet.
Serve with	Chateau La Fleur Petrus is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes. Chateau La Fleur Petrus is also good with Asian dishes, hearty fish courses like tuna, salmon, mushrooms, and pasta.
Production	3,100 cases made.
Cellaring	Drink 2022-2036
Scores/Awards	94 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2019 95-98 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - May 2017 97 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - November 2018 92-94 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate - April 2017 99 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2019



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95 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - May 2019
17- points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2017
98 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - October 2018
98 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2017
98 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - September 2019
95 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2017
97 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com - April 2017
95+ points - Farr Vintner - February 2017
90-93 points - Derek Smedley, MW - April 2017
95 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - August 2020
94 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - January 2019
97 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - January 2019
95-98 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2017
98 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - February 2019
93 points - Falstaff Magazine - May 2017
96 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2019
95 points - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com (score only) - April 2017
18 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - June 2019
17 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - January 2021

Reviews *"Ripe and warm in feel, with an alluring mix of creamy textured cherry, red currant and raspberry reduction notes, mixed with black tea and incense accents. Features a buried spine of graphite, with a hint of Turkish coffee lurking at the very end. Best from 2022 through 2036. 3,100 cases made."*
- JM, Wine Spectator

"This has seamless layers of cassis, plum sauce and raspberry reduction notes carried by remarkably velvety structure through a long, graphite-fueled finish. The minerality is there, buried for now. The fruit is gorgeous. Score Range: 95-98."
- JM, Wine Spectator

"Blended of 91% Merlot and 9% Cabernet Franc, the medium garnet-purple colored 2016 la Fleur-Petrus reveals stunning Black Forest cake, redcurrant jelly and wilted roses scents with underlying suggestions of pencil shavings, yeast extract, dark chocolate and cloves. Medium to full-bodied, the mid-palate possesses superb intensity and depth with layers of perfumed black fruits and loads of red fruit sparks framed by firm, ripe, grainy tannins and oodles of freshness, finishing on a lingering earthy note."
- LPB, Wine Advocate

"The 2016 La Fleur Petrus is a blend of 91% Merlot and 9% Cabernet Franc. I prefer the aromatics here compared to the Latour-à-Pomerol and Hosanna: much more fruit (raspberry coulis and crushed strawberry), allied with mineralité and a sense of joie-de-vivre. The palate is medium-bodied with fine, supple tannin. It offers black fruit infused with melted tar and graphite notes, the Cabernet Franc imparting a very subtle bell pepper note towards the finish. This is a very fine La Fleur Petrus, not as flamboyant as the 2015, yet pretty and sophisticated. Drink Date 2021 – 2045."
- NM, Wine Advocate

"Wow. The blackberry, dried-flower and orange-peel aromas are so impressive at first, but then they go to black truffle and wet earth. Full-bodied with a solid core of powerful yet fine-grained tannins. It goes on for minutes. A very muscular La Fleur-Pétrus. Drink after 2025."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"So much to this and it shows the magic of Pomerol. Full-bodied, layered, and tannic with all the energy and focus of a great vintage from this estate. Superb."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"This wine comes from a large (for Pomerol) 46-acre vineyard. It has weight and density as well as dark tannins and rich black fruits. It shows great style with its beautifully integrated tannins. This wine will age well, ready to drink from 2025."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

Reviews *“Dark crimson. Floral and complex bouquet that’s not as dense as Hosanna’s. The personality is not as clear. I wonder how many parcels went into this wine? Solid but not thrilling performance. Very dry end. Drink 2025-2040.”*

- JR, JancisRobinson.com

“The upfront brambly fruit is sensuous and luscious, followed by freshness and uplift that clamps the mid-palate and takes you vertically up in a whirl of mint and eucalyptus. It has gorgeous grip with violet edges, and for me this beats the brilliant 2015 because I love the push and pull between intensity and teasingly-slow acidity. It’s all finesse, rewarding the effort and investment that has gone into La Fleur Pétrus in recent years. I loved it en primeur and I love it in bottle.”

- JA, Decanter.com

“It’s been fascinating to watch the progression of this wine over the past few years as they have pushed out the less interesting parcels and pulled in those of Guillot and Providence. It is now a very complete footprint of 18.7ha around the ‘plateau’, not dropping below 30 metres (their definition of a plateau). This is now without a doubt one of the true stars of the appellation, planted to 91% Merlot and 9% Cabernet Franc on gravel and deep clay on an iron-rich subsoil. There are no corners cut here at all. It pulls you in with a seductive caress of violet and peony notes, then fills up the mid-palate with black cherry and bilberry, rounding it off with slate and cool ash. Tightly controlled and perfectly extracted.”

- JA, Decanter.com

“Smoke, truffle, earth, black plum and floral notes create the perfume. If that wasn’t enough, from there you find a sensuous display of gorgeously ripe, sweet, fresh, elegant fruits that effortlessly glide across your palate. This is so sexy!”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“A parfait of roses, plums, chocolate, truffles, smoke, spice and cherry blossoms creates the nose. Draped in silk, sensuous with lambskin tannins, the wine is the flossy librarian with her hair down -- an intellectual Pomerol that also delivers sensuality.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“One of my favourite Pomerols in 2016, this is a dense, complex, nuanced wine with remarkable structure, depth of flavour and focus. The tannins caress the tongue here, supported by aromatic oak, bright acidity, and layers of savoury berry fruit. 2026-40”

- TA, timatkin.com

“This famous Pomerol property has been run by the Moueix family since the 1950’s and produces a wine that is always a classic of the appellation and keenly sought-after. Now 18.7 hectares in size, the 2016 is a blend of 91% Merlot and 9% Cabernet Franc. Floral, perfumed, and elegant on the nose. The palate shows great intensity without heaviness, the ripe and silky tannins carrying exotic, sweet plum and cherry fruit with nutmeg and cinnamon. Lifted, floral and long on the finish, this manages great poise and polish with superb typicity of the appellation.”

- Farr Vintners

“Fragrant the nose has violets the palate rich with ripe fruit brooding depth fleshy black plum. The tannins are fine and integrated sweet ripe fruit giving generosity and depth at the back the finish has concentrated black fruits. 2025-40.”

- Derek Smedley MW

“The 2016 La Fleur-Petrus has a wonderful, beautifully defined bouquet of detailed blackberry, briar, truffle and ferrous scents that unfurl in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins and a fine bead of acidity. There is a gracefulness about this Pomerol that belies the persistence and sapidity that keep you coming back for more. Excellent. Tasted blind at the annual Southwold tasting. 2024 – 2048”

- NM, Vinous

Reviews

“The 2016 La Fleur-Pétrus has a straitlaced, conservative bouquet at first, but it gradually opens up with aeration to reveal blackberry and bilberry aromas and hints of crushed stone and rose petal. The palate is smooth and supple, with an almost citrus-like freshness. This is an energetic, joyful La Fleur-Pétrus, fanning out beautifully toward the sensual, slightly tart finish. It shows signs of melioration in barrel, and though I feel that the 2015 is better, it's still a damn good Pomerol.”

- NM, Vinous

“The 2016 La Fleur-Pétrus soars out of the glass with striking aromatics. Light on its feet yet also quite fleshy, the 2016 has so much to offer. Blood orange and floral notes add brightness to the red-toned fruit in this silky, beautifully nuanced Pomerol. The 2016 is rich, dense and spectacularly beautiful, with a persistent, saline-drenched finish that makes it hard to resist a second taste.”

- AG, Vinous

“The 2016 La Fleur-Pétrus is all finesse. A wine of translucence and nuance, it is utterly captivating from the very first taste. Blood orange, chalk and white pepper overtones give the wine lift and tension that drive through to the finish. I imagine the 2016 will need a few years to enter its prime drinking window, but it is an absolute stunner today. The Cabernet Franc is especially expressive. The vintage was not without its challenges; some of the younger-vine Merlot succumbed to heat stress and was not used in the final blend. As a result, yields in finished wine are down about 20 percent.”

- AG, Vinous

“The 2016 Château La Fleur Petrus is more regal and elegant, with an incredibly floral quality in its red and blue fruits, crushed rock, forest floor, and graphite-tinged aromas and flavors. This medium to full-bodied, rich, layered effort has notable structure, integrated acidity, beautiful balance, and a rock star finish. This is pure class and a thrilling La Fleur Petrus that needs 4-5 years of bottle age and will cruise for 2-3 decades.”

- Jeb Dunnuck

“Dark ruby garnet, violet reflections, delicate brightening of the edges, ripe plum fruit, black forest berries, fine nuances of precious wood, a hint of nougat, orange zest. Complex, juicy, round texture, pleasant fruit sweetness, integrated tannins, fine roasted aromas in the aftertaste, mineral and persistent, good extract sweetness with a touch of caramel in the aftertaste.”

- Falstaff Magazine
