

Château Ferrière 2019

CSPC# 742341

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

Appellation

Margaux

Classification

3rd Classified Growth in 1855

Website

<http://www.ferriere.com/en/our-wines.aspx>

Sustainability

In 2015, Château Ferrière obtained Organic Agriculture certification.

In 2018, the property is certified biodynamic (Demeter and Biodyvin)

It took several years to implement this approach. We had to become familiar with it and integrate it into the daily life of the property. Today, it brings together the teams that are fully associated with it.

This orientation is the result of an awareness of the heritage of an exceptional terroir that must be preserved and made sustainable through ecological viticulture.

It is associated with the desire to go further in the balance between the vine and its natural environment and to give it the energy in order to be able to free itself from diseases.

The development of the terroir by these farming methods that are more respectful of the environment, tends our wines towards more finesse, depth, and balance; thus, revealing its minerality and vibrant freshness, the signature of great terroir wines.

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

Winemaker

Eric Boissenot, Winemaking consultant

Vintage

January was the only cold month of winter, while the temperatures of the rest of the season were milder. The vines budded early but grew slowly. These conditions were also not favorable to flowering, aggravated by significant rainfall. On the other hand, the freshness helped contain the virulence of downy mildew. The first day of summer marked a meteorological turning point and led to a hot and dry summer. There have been several heat waves with a risk of water deficit. Fortunately, beneficial rains accelerated veraison and maintained phenological homogeneity. The night temperatures in August were below average and favored the early development of the aromatic palette of the grapes and a particularly high anthocyanin loading. Alcohol levels are slightly above average. There is a good acid balance and a tannic and aromatic richness which is very interesting for the taste balance of the wine. The basic agronomic work in biodynamics carried out on the vineyards to optimize the balance of the vines and the buffering capacity of the soils is fundamental for the proper management of the hottest and driest episodes of summer.

Vineyards

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

Harvest

Hand picking.

Vinification/

Traditional, in concrete and wood vats, whose volumes are proportional to plot,

Maturation

temperature control. Fermentation on the skins 18 to 24 days. Aged in oak barrels for 18 months. New ones at 40%.

Tasting Notes

The results are in the glass: a blend of fruits, minerality and freshness. The tannins are very smooth, elegant, and well balanced. Today, this is my favorite wine of Chateau Ferriere. Château Ferrière 2019 has an explosive fruit combining tobacco, mint, and red fruits. The mouth is full and powerful and the finish very long with beautiful, elegant tannins, characteristic of this vintage. A great vintage, remaining classic through its elegance.



Serve with	Chateau Ferriere is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes. Ferriere is a perfect match with Asian dishes, hearty fish courses like tuna, mushrooms, and pasta as well as cheese.
Production	6,000 cases made
Cellaring	Drink now-2032
Scores/Awards	<p>91 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2019</p> <p>94+ points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - March 2022</p> <p>96 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022</p> <p>95-96 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020</p> <p>94-96 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 2020</p> <p>94 points - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - January 2022</p> <p>93 points - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - January 2022</p> <p>91-94 points - Neal Martin, Vinous (score only) - June 2020</p> <p>95 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - January 2022</p> <p>93-95 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - June 2020</p> <p>Review Only - Wine Access - May 2020</p> <p>94 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - March 2022</p> <p>91-93 points - Yves Beck (score only) - June 2020</p> <p>94 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine (score only) - February 2022</p> <p>95 points - Terres de Vins (score only) - June 2020</p> <p>18 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - January 2022</p> <p>93 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - July 2020</p> <p>18.5 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - September 2020</p>
Reviews	<p><i>“Stylish, with a suave mouthfeel to its mix of lilac, cassis, black cherry, and warm earth notes. Features a nice tug of dark tobacco at the very end, too. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2032.”</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>“Striking aromas of sweet wild berries, violets, dark chocolate, and loamy soil introduce the 2019 Ferrière, a full-bodied, velvety, and concentrated wine that’s seamless and complete, with a rich, dramatic core of fruit, lively acids and a long, resonant finish. From biodynamic-farmed clay-rich gravels, this 18-hectare estate (formerly leased to Château Lascombes) possesses a usually high proportion of old vines, with fully one-third of their vineyards over 70 years of age.</i> <i>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. 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. It’s an address that deserves to be much better known, and the 2019 has turned out brilliantly. “</i> - WK, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>“Blackberries, blackcurrants, violets, bitter chocolate, clay, and gravel on the nose. It’s medium-bodied with firm, very fine and integrated tannins. Beautiful texture. Structured, yet with a soft, supple feel. Subtle. 20% in concrete eggs. 70% cabernet sauvignon, 25% merlot and 5% petit verdot. From biodynamically grown grapes with Demeter certification. Try in 2025.”</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>“An upgrade with the tannins here, which are strong, but at the same time fine. It’s full-bodied, very long and racy. Fresh black fruit and chocolate a-plenty here.”</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>“The rich Cabernet Sauvignon of this wine is beautifully in evidence. With its dense tannins as a foil to the fruit, the wine has both power and finesse. Biodynamic farming has added to the purity of the fruit. It is a fine wine, rich in texture and shows potential future aging.”</i> - RV, Wine Enthusiast</p>

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- GH, Decanter.com

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- JA, Inside Bordeaux

“The 2019 Ferrière is a dense, packed wine, just as it was from barrel. Black fruit, graphite plum, licorice and spice infuse the 2019 with tremendous character. This powerful, brooding Margaux is going to need at least a few years to come together. It sure is alluring in this tasting. Readers will have to be patient, though. The tannins are pretty formidable. Ferrière was impressive en primeur. It is equally compelling today.”
- AG, Vinous

“The 2019 Ferrière is fabulous. Inky, dark, and savory, the 2019 has so much to offer. Blackberry jam, gravel, smoke, dried herbs, menthol, licorice, and spice infuse the 2019 with captivating layers of gravitas and overall intensity. Far from an easygoing 2019, Ferrière is going to need time to come together, as the tannins are quite imposing at present. Aging will be 18 months, 40% new oak, 40% once-used barrels and 20% amphora.”
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“A youthful, dynamic shade of bright ruby shines from the glass. Classically restrained aromas of black currant, plum, crème de cassis, and cedar open to reveal notes of cocoa powder, toast, violets, and a touch of sweet tobacco. Medium- to full-bodied, it has a beautiful balance between black-fruit vibrancy and firm, grippy tannins. Seamless, integrated oak toastiness and baking spices complement the fruit, weaving it into a complex tapestry of tobacco, licorice, and cedar chest. A classic claret, subtle in its expression but humming with underlying complexity and intensity. Drink now–2038.”
- WineAccess.com
