

Château Mouton Rothschild 2019

CSPC# 756553

750mlx3

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety
Appellation
Classification
Website
General Info

90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot
Pauillac

First Growth. Premier Grand Cru Classe in 1855 & in 1973
<http://www.chateau-mouton-rothschild.com/>

Château Mouton Rothschild, owned by Baroness Philippine de Rothschild and her children, is regarded as one of the world's greatest wines. The story of Mouton Rothschild is that of a magical combination of soil, climate, and devotion of one man, Baron Philippe de Rothschild (1902-1988), Baroness Philippine's father. In 1853, Baron Nathaniel de Rothschild, from the English branch of the family, bought Château Brane-Mouton and immediately renamed it in Mouton Rothschild. Baron Philippe de Rothschild, when he took over the estate in 1922, decided to devote his life to it and to make Mouton unique, producing the very best wine. In 1924, he was the first to introduce entire chateau bottling. In 1926, he built the majestic 100-metre barrel hall. In 1945, to celebrate the liberation of France, he had the idea of crowning the label of that year's vintage with a V for Victory. Since then, a different label is created for each vintage by famous painters. In 1962, he opened the Museum of Wine in Art. In 1973, he obtained the revision of the 1855 classification so that Mouton would be officially recognized as a First Growth.

Winemaker
Vintage

Philippe Dhalluin

The year started with a warmer – and drier-than-usual winter, with the temperature reaching a record 24.7C on 27 February. The mild weather triggered an early start to the vine cycle, which gradually slowed with the arrival of a cooler spring and lower-than-average temperatures. As a result, flowering finally took place around the normal time.

After sharply contrasting conditions in June, when a late cold spell and heavy rainfall were followed by an early heatwave, very fine weather prevailed in July. The summer was particularly sunny & hot, leaving the vines in perfect condition on the eve of the harvest. A few welcome showers in July & August greatly helped to dispel any fears of dehydration.

Picking of the red varieties took place between 18 September and 5 October.

Although a few drops of rain fell during the harvest, the conditions remained generally very good, guaranteeing grapes of outstanding quality.

Mirroring nature generosity in 2019, the wines are rich, deeply coloured and with good alcohol content. Close-knit, satin-smooth tannins make this a very promising vintage.

Vineyards

The Mouton vineyards incorporate 75 hectares of typical gravelly soil over a base of sand, clay, marl and limestone. They are situated on a mound or *motte* at an altitude of approximately 40 metres, dizzying heights for the flat and undulating land of the Medoc. It is widely thought that *motte* is the origin of the name Mouton, the local Bordeaux dialect providing us with as many words for mound, hill or hillock as there are perhaps fish in the *Gironde*. It does not derive, as some rather unkind individuals have postulated (I say unkind because the accusation brings rural, rustic tones), from the French for sheep, *mouton*, although this might be suggested by the grazing pasture that abuts the estate. The vines are 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 8% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot, planted at a density of 8500 hectares, with an admirable average age of around 50 years.

Harvest
Maturation

From 10 September to 3 October

Once harvested, fermentation is in 225-hectolitre vats of wood, with a maceration of 15 to 25 days. Then comes up to 22 months in oak before bottling.

Tasting Notes

The wine is an intense garnet red with purplish hue. Fresh, highly expressive, and precise on the nose, it reveals blackberry, black cherry and licorice aromas with a slightly mineral cast. It is smooth and opulent on the palate, with an attractive sweetness, enfolding superbly patrician, rounded, and powerful tannins. Beautifully rich overall, it culminates in a stylish, succulent, and very harmonious finish.



Serve with Chateau Mouton Rothschild is best served at 15.5 degrees Celsius, 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The cool, almost cellar temperature gives the wine more freshness and lift. Chateau Mouton Rothschild is best paired with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised and grilled dishes.

Production Approx. 20,000 cases annually

Cellaring Drink 2025-2045

Scores/Awards **98 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2022

98+ points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022

98 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - June 2020

100 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - May 2023

100 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - May 2022

99 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - January 2022

99 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020

98 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - October 2022

97-99 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 2020

19 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - February 2023

18.5+ points - James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com - June 2020

98 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - June 2020

98 points - Jane Anson, janeanson.com - January 2022

100 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022

98-100 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - June 2020

97 points - Farr Vintners - May 2020

97 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2023

98 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2022

96-98 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - June 2020

99 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2022

95-97 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - June 2020

98 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - April 2022

97-99 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2020

97 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - May 2020

99 points - Bettane & Desseave (score only) - July 2020

Reviews *"Plows straight ahead, with a rather towering display of cassis as well as cherry and plum reduction notes that are pure, defined and deftly supported by a seamlessly embedded iron spine. Features light savory, floral and red tea notes that flash in the background, while the fruit glistens through the extremely lengthy finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Petit Verdot. Best from 2025 through 2045."*

- JM, Wine Spectator

"The 2019 Mouton Rothschild is the most dramatic of the Médoc first growths, soaring from the glass with aromas of cassis, blackberries and violets mingled with rich aromas of cedar, cigar wrapper, licorice, loamy soil, and spices. Full-bodied, layered, and multidimensional, it's deep and powerful, with huge levels of concentration and an ineffably complete, seamless profile, concluding with a long, resonant finish. Plenty of ripe tannin is hidden by its ample core of fruit, and despite its youthful polish, this will require plenty of bottle age to realize all its potential. This blend of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot and 1% Petit Verdot tastes in many respects like the 2016 Mouton's more sun-kissed cousin. 2035 – 2065."

- WK, Wine Advocate

"The blend this year is 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot and 1% Petit Verdot, harvested from the 18th of September to the 5th of October. Opaque purple-black colored, the 2019 Mouton Rothschild simply shines, even at this very nascent stage, beaming from the glass with bright, vibrant scents of crème de cassis, blueberry preserves, boysenberries and black raspberries plus fragrant suggestions of lilacs, dark chocolate, sandalwood, jasmine tea and woodsmoke with a spicy waft of star anise. The medium-bodied palate shimmers with energy, featuring tightly wound layers of black fruits, exotic spices, and mineral notions, framed by exquisitely ripe, fine-grained tannins and bags of freshness, finishing with epic length and perfume. This year's profound expression is without doubt a legend in the making. (For number crunchers, the alcohol is 13.5% this year, slightly lower than 2018, which came in at 13.8%.)"

- LPB, Wine Advocate

Reviews

"The 2019 Mouton Rothschild is a blend of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, and 1% Petit Verdot. Deep garnet-purple in color, it is a little broody to start off, soon unfurling to offer notes of creme de cassis, baked plums, and boysenberry preserves, followed by hints of crushed rocks, tree bark, and forest floor. The medium to full-bodied palate is rich, concentrated, and intense, with grainy tannins and a long, lively, mineral-sparked finish. This is still so youthful - moving at a glacial pace - so, give it a good 7-9 years more in cellar and drink it over the following 40-years+."

- LPB, Wine Independent

"The 2019 Mouton Rothschild is a blend of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, and 1% Petit Verdot. Deep garnet-purple colored, it races out of the glass with gregarious scents of creme de cassis, redcurrant jelly, black raspberries, and chocolate-covered cherries, giving way to a serious undercurrent of licorice, forest floor, candied violets, and cardamom with a touch of cast-iron pan. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is jam-packed with expressive red, black, and blue fruit layers, framed by fine-grained tannins and bold freshness, finishing with floral, exotic spices and a mineral firework display."

"This is incredibly complex, with all the cabernet descriptors, from mint and lead pencil to blackberry, blackcurrant, and menthol. It changes all the time in the glass, just as in the nose. Yet, it remains cool and classy. Full-bodied with very fine, tight tannins that run the length of the wine, carrying on and on and on. Well-framed and compact wine. Never-ending procession of currant, berry, and black cherry fruit, together with licorice, earth and just a hint of black truffle. 90% cabernet sauvignon, 9% merlot and 1% petit verdot. Give this until 2028 to show its true greatness."

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"This shows purity of fruit with blackcurrants and cassis and hints of blueberries and fresh flowers. Toasted and roasted. The 90% of cabernet sauvignon really makes this special. Lead-pencil, tar, and licorice notes. Powerful with finesse. Extremely persistent."

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"The wine is dense, concentrated, massive. It has a perfect combination of spice, dark fruits and tannins giving impressive potential. The wine is likely to take many years. Drink from 2027."

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"Made from 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, this is a sumptuous and powerful wine that is built by considerable tannins and immensely rich fruit. At the same time, there is a perfumed charm that balances all that power. The wine's structure and richness are harbingers of enormous aging potential. Barrel Sample: 97-99."

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"Tasted blind. Bloody nose. Rich and energetic and assertive. Deep-flavoured and very long. 13.5%. Drink 2029– 2050."

- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot. 51% of the production. Barrel sample.

A powerhouse Mouton, broad-shouldered and built for the long haul. Deep and intense on the nose with marked cassis and spice notes. Ripe, mouth-filling palate, the tannins plentiful and firm and smothered in layers of fruit. Almost opulent but not to the same degree as 2018. Hint of telltale mocha. Finishes fresh and long, the tannic backbone again present. (JL) Drink 2030 – 2050."

- JL, JancisRobinson.com

"A deep intense nose, this is another brilliant Pauillac First Growth in 2019, all different in style and true to themselves. The tannins are ripe and fleshed out, taking a confident hold around well-textured blackberry and cassis fruits that are fluid, supple and frankly delicious. This is pure Mouton, you couldn't mistake it, with its touch of mocha and chocolate, and its core of freshness. Has a feel of the 1996 about it. Harvest September 19 to October 5 (finishing a little earlier than Clerc and Armailhac because Mouton is always an early terroir due to its abundance of pure gravel). Drinking Window 2030 – 2050."

- JA, Decanter.com

Reviews

“Takes the character of Petit Mouton and turns it up. Has layers of black cherries dipped in bitter chocolate and coffee with turbo powered tannins and lift. Freshly crushed mint leaf on the finish. A ton of depth, not as creamy as the 2018 Mouton was at this stage, this is more espresso than cappuccino, with layers of vertical tannins that are generous but in control, not willing to give too much away, and it will close down for a good few years. A great Mouton, pure, precise, linear, tight, and vertical, making you wait for the kirsch laden opulence but absolutely delivering on its En Primeur promise. Harvest September 18 to October 5. 100% new oak.”

- JA, janeanson.com

“Mouton Rothschild hasn't skipped a beat since the sublime 2009 vintage! 2019 continues their winning streak with one of the wines of the vintage. Almost opaque in color, the nose resonates with its showy display of Asian spices, cigar wrapper, fresh herbs, cigar box, blackberries, crushed stone, and cassis. Full-bodied, richly concentrated, opulent, and equally refined, the multi-layered display of flawlessly ripe berries, elegant textures, balance, freshness, and flamboyance is what the great vintages of Mouton are all about. The finish crosses the 60 second mark with ease. Drink from 2035-2070.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“Deeply colored, the intoxicating, aromatic profile provides essences of mint, Asian spice, blackberry, cassis, cigar box, smoke, and lead pencil. On the palate, the wine is rich, lush, round, full-bodied and concentrated, with layers of lusciously textured, ripe, sweet, fresh, pure dark red pit fruits and blackberries. Classically styled, but classic in a good way, the wine is showy, but not flamboyant. The finish here just keeps on going. With a high proportion of Cabernet in the blend, the wine is produced from 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot and 1% Petit Verdot, reaching 13.5 alcohol. The harvest took place September 18-October 5. The Grand Vin was produced from 51% of the crop with yields of only 40 hectoliters per hectare. 98-100 Pts.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“Fully 90% Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend this year. Very deep purple in the glass. The nose is exuberant and exotic, full of mulberry and rich cassis, layered with star anise, incense and cedar. Very complex and enticing. The palate has great richness and density, with enveloping, mouthcoating tannins providing ample structure for the fruit. Despite this intensity, everything is tightly wound at this stage, making a wine of real drive and verticality. The core is one of ripe blackcurrant and forest fruits, but there is a saline, savoury edge too. The oak is smoky and exotic, showing tobacco and clove, but is well integrated at this stage. Perfect harmony on the finish, which is both ripe and savoury. A wine of controlled power - very impressive.”

- Farr Vintners

“The 2019 Mouton-Rothschild is more backward on the nose, graphite and pencil shavings infusing the black fruit, broody at first yet gaining intensity in the glass with each swirl. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy black fruit, fine depth, lightly spiced with a vibrant, slightly peppery finish. Impressive weight and length and unequivocally, a long-term proposition. Tasted blind at the Southwold annual tasting. Drink 2028-2065.”

- NM, Vinous

“The 2019 Mouton Rothschild has a magnificent bouquet that gradually unfolds in the glass to reveal blackberry, iodine, touches of crushed violet and then, with time, that gorgeous mintiness, just like you get in the 1945 (not that this is the 1945). The palate is beautifully balanced with a lattice of fine, succulent tannins, pure black fruit laced with graphite, blood orange, a touch of black pepper and a hint of pitted black olives on the finish. Very persistent in the mouth, this is a brilliant Mouton-Rothschild that will blossom with bottle age. 2029-2065.”

- NM, Vinous

“The 2019 Mouton Rothschild comes off the back of a succession of superlative wines that you would have to go back to the late Forties to see again. Deep in colour, it has a very composed and refined bouquet: very pure blackberry intermingling with bilberry and graphite, touches of Earl Grey and crushed stone emerging after several minutes in the glass. The palate is beautifully balanced with finely-chiseled tannins, a little spicier than the previous vintage from barrel last year, gently building and fanning out towards the poised finish. This is a sophisticated, classic Mouton-Rothschild that will require a little more cellaring than some recent vintages but will surely be worth the wait. 2027 – 2060”

- NM, Vinous

Reviews

“The 2019 Mouton Rothschild has come together beautifully since I tasted it from barrel. Today, it is unquestionably one of the wines of the vintage. Powerful and statuesque in its beauty, Mouton is remarkable in every way. Layers of dark-toned fruit confer seriousness and intensity that builds with time. All of the finesse I saw in barrel is still present. Since then, the 2019 has gained flesh and vibrancy. Magnificent!”

- AG, Vinous

“The 2019 Mouton Rothschild is dark, sensual, and enveloping. Readers will find a Mouton of notable finesse and class. In this tasting, the Grand Vin comes across as quite restrained, with lifted aromatics and tons of elegance, but also quite a bit in reserve. Time in the glass brings out the wine's aromatic presence and overall depth.”

- AG, Vinous

“The 2019 Château Mouton Rothschild is based on 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, and 1% Petit Verdot, and it hit a relatively normal alcohol level of 13.5%, which is higher than the 2009 and shows the quality of the Cabernet Sauvignon in the vintage. It shows the new, modern style of Bordeaux in its purity, elegance, and finesse while still being an incredibly concentrated Pauillac, and where some vintages of Mouton can just about jump out of the glass, this is a more seamless, streamlined, elegant beauty that builds with time in the glass and is just about impossible to fault. Gorgeous crème de cassis, lead pencil shavings, forest floor, licorice, damp earth, and graphite, as well as some espresso nuances, emerge on the nose, and it's rich, medium to full-bodied, has ultra-fine tannins, and a great finish. This is pure haute couture in Bordeaux that unquestionably offers pleasure today (again, just about all modern Bordeaux from a great vintage offer pleasure in their youth) but will require a solid decade to hit maturity, and it should evolve for 20, 30, 40 years or more. This is not an unformed beast of wine that demands bottle age, and I suspect it will have a broad, forgiving drink window that consumers will love.”

- Jeb Dunnuck

“The 2019 Château Mouton Rothschild offers the same crème de cassis, graphite, toasted spice, and gravelly minerality, yet turns up the dial and is full-bodied, concentrated, flawlessly balanced, and has the purity and elegance of the vintage, yet brings plenty of power. The tannins are incredibly polished, which will give this plenty of early appeal, yet it's still going to evolve for 40-50 years or more. A more elegant version of the 2009? A blend 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, and 1% Petit Verdot, it's quintessential Pauillac as well as a textbook 2019.”

- Jeb Dunnuck
