

Château Ferran 2012

CSPC# 771703

750mlx12

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	60% Merlot, 37% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Pessac-Léognan
Classification	Grand Vin De Graves
Website	www.chateauferran.com
General Info	This noble château was originally owned by Montesquieu, the famous philosopher (who was remarkably a viticulturalist as well) in the 18th century. The château, however, was given its name by Robert de Ferran, a later owner who was a parliamentary lawyer in Bordeaux. In 1999, it was purchased by the Lacoste family who invested heavily in the vineyard and chai. The King of Bordeaux Blanc, Denis Dubordieu, works as their consulting oenologist.
Vintage	After a chaotic beginning of the vine cycle: early bud break and blockage in April (cold and wet); the vine found back a proper growing path with the beautiful weather conditions from May to September. However, the delay and heterogeneity undergone because of this difficult start of the vine cycle was to be felt all year long. Once more, the reality of great terroirs, the efforts made in the quest for the balance between the plant and the soil, the vitality of the soils and the low yield reduced greatly these gaps and induced a slow yet complete maturity of the grapes.
Vineyards	This growth is not classified but has nevertheless attained the same level of quality as the top wines of the appellation. Planted on the Martillac plateau in the 18th century by the philosopher Montesquieu, the Ferran vineyard belongs to the same family since 1880, today represented by Ghislaine and Philippe Lacoste. Hand picking, strict sorting of the crop, classic vinification with moderate use of new oak... everything is done to maintain the wines at their optimum, both for the reds (18 hectares) as for the whites (4 hectares). Dominated by the Merlot (60% of the vines), the red wines of Ferran are softer and smoother than the other growths of Pessac-Léognan, with a lovely discreet woodiness. Made from 55% Semillon and 45% Sauvignon, the whites are very elegant, with fresh notes of lemon, grapefruit and white fruit.
Harvest	Sorting in the vineyard and winery Merlot start: October 2, 2012. Petit Verdot beginning 3 October 2012. First vintage of integrating small Verdot Cabernet Sauvignon beginning: October 9, 2012. Very good on the first plots and signs of botrytis in the end Vendan
Vinification/ Maturation	Manual harvest with sorting parcels in the vineyard and in the winery. Vinification in stainless steel tanks and aging in oak barrels of which 30% are new.
Tasting Notes	Château Ferran 2012 red has a deep dark ruby color. The intensity of the nose mingled with notes of wild blueberry, vanilla and black pepper makes this powerful and greedy Pessac-Léognan. The mouth, round and smooth, reveals the delicacy of the tannins to open to an explosion of fruit and revealing its full flavor. This wine will undoubtedly seduce you ...It is traditionally served with roast lamb, but will suit well ham, game or beef dishes.
Production	6500 cases made
Cellaring	Drink 2013-2019
Scores	85-87 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #206 - April 2013 87-89 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - May 2013 85 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - May 1, 2015 15.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2013 16.5 points - Stephen Spurrier, Decanter.com - April 2013 88-90 points - Jeremy Williams, winewordsandvideotape.com - April 2013 90 points - Gilbert & Gaillard - November 26, 2013 15 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only)



Awards **Gold Medal** - Concours des Vins du Sud-Ouest 2013
Silver Medal - Concours Général Agricole de Paris 2014

Reviews *"Notes of tobacco leaf, roasted herbs, red and black currants are found in this medium-bodied, straightforward 2012. Drink it over the next 5-6 years."*
- RP, Wine Advocate

"Tasted from a barrel sample at en primeur. The Ferran 2012 (a vineyard close to Latour-Martillac) is a blend of 60% Merlot, 37% Cabernet Sauvignon, the Ferran has bags of juicy dark plum and boysenberry fruit on the nose, the 30% new oak well behaved in the background. The palate is medium bodied with grainy tannins, the black fruit with white pepper interlaced on the finish. This should be fine after bottling. Tasted April 2013."
- NM, Wine Journal

"With tight acidity and intense black currant fruits, this wine has a raw edge. It presents a full, fresh, crisp texture that's bright, with layers of acidity at the end."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"Lots of cassis fruit, crunchy freshness with good depth and a good future. "
- SS, Decanter.com

"Mid depth; earth, dust; palate lacks a bit of ripeness; chewy at the back. Finishes tannic and dry. 83-85 Monday April 8, 2013 at Chateau Olivier's Pessac-Léognan tasting"
- JW, winewordsandvideotape.com

"Limpid, light yellow colour. Expressive nose showing lovely focus, blending white flowers, tropical fruits, citrus. The same highly invigorating personality recurs on the palate with predominant crisp perfumes tinged with exotic wood. Pair with gourmet food. (26-Nov-2013)"
- en.gilbertgaillard.com
