

Château Léoville Poyferré 2019

CSPC# 866103

750mlx6

14.18% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot
Appellation	St. Julien
Classification	Second Growth. Grand Cru Classe in 1855.
Website	http://www.leoville-poyferre.fr/english/news.html
Sustainability	Château Léoville Poyferré is committed to its impact on the environment. As a testament to our engagement, we joined a voluntary collective initiative that is particular to the wines of Bordeaux called an Environmental Management System (SME) in 2016. Château Léoville Poyferré is also certified HVE Level 3 since the 2017 vintage.
General Info	<p>With origins dating back to 1638, Léoville was the largest vineyard in the Médoc region at the time of the French Revolution. Léoville Poyferré springs from various divisions and successions in 1840. Its outstanding quality wines gained early recognition when it was ranked 2nd Growth in the 1855 classification. Château Léoville Poyferré was acquired in 1920 by the Cuvelier family. Château Léoville Poyferré was the Léoville that got left in the starting blocks in terms of reputation and in the quality of its wines.</p> <p>Léoville Poyferré has been owned by the Cuvelier family (who also own Château Le Crock) since 1921, yet it was not until the 1970s, when Didier Cuvelier took control at the château, that quality began to improve. In the last 20 years, Didier, with the assistance of Michel Rolland since 1995, has turned Léoville-Poyferré into one of St-Julien's finest estates. Now up with the best of the St-Julien's but still selling at non-scary prices. Léoville Poyferré is classified as a 2ème Cru Classé.</p>
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Winemaker	Château Oenologist: Isabelle Davin Consultant Oenologist: Michel Rolland Cellar Master: Didier Thoman
Vintage	<p>Tranquil, 2019 was able to elude the risks that preceded a radiant and sunny summer, marked by a month of July that was among the hottest in the last 30 years. Our vineyard workers could not have hoped for a better turn in the weather after the challenges that were brought along with spring, which they were able to meet with precision and perseverance. Indeed, the end of the growing season was blessed by an Indian Summer that offered the time necessary to harvest serenely and bring each plot to its perfect ripeness.</p> <p>On a multi-faceted terroir, the weather conditions were conducive to the development of a brilliant, expressive, and charming wine that delightfully illustrates the solar character of the vintage. The cool nights of September also endow this vintage with a very special aromatic freshness.</p>
Vineyards	The various divisions throughout the history of the estate have split the vineyard of Léoville Poyferré into five large areas. They include all the main types of gravelly soil present in Saint Julien. This diversity contributes to the amplitude and complexity of the Léoville Poyferré wines. Léoville Poyferré has 80 hectares of vineyards planted with Cabernet Sauvignon (65%), Merlot (25%), Petit Verdot (8%) Cabernet Franc (2%).
Harvest	20th September to 11th October
Vinification/ Maturation	Double-walled, temperature-controlled stainless-steel vats. Vinification: Plot-by-plot with pre-fermentation cold macerations (6-8 days), alcoholic fermentations with selected yeast. Malolactic fermentation in new barrels. 18 - 20 months in French oak barrels (80% new, 20% second-fill). Traditional racking and egg white fining in barrel.



Tasting Notes	The profile of the 2019 vintage is one that is balanced, quite atypical, already very pleasant, a high level of tannins whilst being silky, a wonderful freshness, and persistent black fruit characteristics. On the palate, Léoville Poyferré 2019 reveals, akin to the 2009 vintage, a solar and creamy side, while offering a vibrant complementary freshness.
Serve with	Leoville Poyferré is best served at 15.5 degrees Celsius, 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The cool, almost cellar temperature gives the wine more freshness and lift. Chateau Leoville Poyferré is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted braised and grilled dishes.
Production	15,000 cases made
Cellaring	Drink 2025-2040
Scores/Awards	<p>96 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2022</p> <p>96 points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022</p> <p>93-95+ points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - June 2020</p> <p>95 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - March 2022</p> <p>95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022</p> <p>96-97 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020</p> <p>17.5+ points - James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com - June 2020</p> <p>17.5+ points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - December 2021</p> <p>97 points - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - January 2022</p> <p>96 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - June 2020</p> <p>97 points - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - January 2022</p> <p>97 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022</p> <p>96-98 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - June 2020</p> <p>95-97 points - Farr Vintners - May 2020</p> <p>97 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2022</p> <p>96-98 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - June 2020</p> <p>97 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2022</p> <p>95-97 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - June 2020</p> <p>98 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - April 2022</p> <p>97-100 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2020</p> <p>96 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2020</p> <p>97 points - Thomas Parker MW - March 2022</p> <p>96-98 points - Yves Beck (score only) - June 2020</p> <p>95 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - June 2020</p> <p>96-97 points - Terres de Vins (score only) - September 2021</p> <p>97 points - Vert de Vin - April 2020</p> <p>18.5 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - January 2022</p> <p>95-96 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - July 2020</p> <p>18 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - September 2020</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"Throws off gorgeous, warmed plum, blueberry reduction and açai berry compote aromas and flavors, laced with ganache and sweet tobacco from start to finish. Delivers ample structure in the guise of a cold cast iron note buried underneath the showy fruit, with a flash of violet for treble in the background. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot. Best from 2025 through 2040. 15,000 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"The 2019 Léoville Poyferré is showing very well in bottle, wafting from the glass with aromas of crème de cassis and wild berries mingled with notions of licorice, loamy soil, cigar wrapper and smoke. Full-bodied, velvety, and polished, it's broad and enveloping, with an ample core of fruit, ripe tannins, and succulent acids, concluding with a long, precise finish. Invariably the most sumptuous of the three Léoville's, featuring some 35% Merlot, the 2019 is a terrific effort that will offer a wide drinking window. Drink Date 2027 – 2057."</i> - WK, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Casting a deep garnet-purple color, the 2019 Léoville Poyferré charges out of the gate with alluring notes of chocolate-covered cherries, blueberry pie, dried mulberries, and blackcurrant cordial plus suggestions of camphor, espresso, spice cake and oolong tea. The medium to full-bodied palate reveals bags of freshness and a suitably approachable texture, supporting the decadent blackberry preserves and exotic spice layers, finishing on a stewed tea note. An already incredibly impressive wine, I imagine by the end of barrel aging the tannins will be fully brought into line here and the fruit will emerge singing of even more nuances."</i> - LPB, Wine Advocate</p>

- Reviews** *“Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Leoville Poyferré charges out with powerful notes of baked blackcurrants, prunes, and blueberry compote, plus hints of balsamic, Chinese five spice, and tobacco. Medium to full-bodied with mouth-coating black fruit preserves and chewy tannins, it finishes long and spicy.”*
- LPB, Wine Independent
- “Blackcurrant, wet-earth with fresh black-mushroom aromas. Some chocolate, too. Full-bodied with layers of beautiful, ripe fruit and creamy tannins. It’s chewy and focused. Impressive balance. Try after 2025.”*
- JS, JamesSuckling.com
- “Chewy and rich this year with lots of ripe tannins and solid depth of fruit. Chocolate and walnuts to the blue fruit. It’s full-bodied. Plenty of fruit at the end. Excellent length.”*
- JS, JamesSuckling.com
- “67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot. Barrel sample. Deep purple hue. Rich but reserved with great purity of fruit. Cassis and spice aromas. Powerful tannic frame but folded in layers of unctuous fruit. Mouth-filling and flexing a little muscle. A big wine with plenty of matière. Long finish. One for the cellar. Drink 2030 – 2050.”*
- JL, JancisRobinson.com
- “67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot. Much richer and more welcoming than the Barton at this stage. Really rather glorious already. Sweet, glamorous ink of the most digestible sort. No obvious alcohol. 14%. Drink 2025 – 2046.”*
- JH, JancisRobinson.com
- “So aromatic with real complexity of notes on the nose, perfume and black fruits. Quite tannic on the palate, broad-shouldered with a core of liquorice-edged black fruit, dark chocolate and slate giving it quite a serious, gourmet and savoury feel right now. Lovely poise though, with mouthwatering freshness. Feels well made with energy and elegance. A standout wine with plenty on offer. Drinking Window 2027 – 2045.”*
- GH, Decanter.com
- “A rich and highly charged Poyferré, with creamy damson and vanilla pod spice expanding through the mid palate. Hugely impressive, with velvety tannins and plenty of charcoal, grilled sarments and slate impact. Higher tension through the core would take the score up even further. 4% Cabernet Franc completes the blend. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the estate under the ownership of the Cuvelier family. Drinking Window 2027 – 2042.”*
- JA, Decanter.com
- “This is big-shouldered, with plenty of sculpted, carefully-extracted tannins. Layer upon layer of savoury and mouthwatering cassis and bilberry fruits, showing their creamy texture only once things relax in the glass. Teasingly gourmet notes of liquorice, black chocolate, slate, and charcoal play alongside the fruit. This is a seriously impressive Poyferré, where the drama builds slowly and promises a long life ahead. Juicy on the finish. Harvest September 22 to October 11. 80% new oak. The 100th vintage for Léoville Poyferré under the Cuvelier family. Tasted blind (along with the rest of the St Juliens) and it stood out as exceptionally good quality.”*
- JA, Inside Bordeaux
- “One of the top vintages of Leoville Poyferré, the wine sports a beautiful dark color in the glass. The showy nose opens with black and red fruits, espresso, cocoa, tobacco leaf, smoke, and floral aromas. On the palate is there the wine shines with its multiple layers of sensuously textured, deep, ripe, dark red fruits, plush, polished tannins and its multi-layered, lusciously-textured, long, vibrant finish. This will age and evolve for decades with little trouble. Drink from 2027-2055.”*
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

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“Deep and dark in color, the wine exudes flowers, tobacco, smoke, licorice, and dark red fruit aromas. Full-bodied, lushly textured, round, and fresh, the fruit has this beautiful, opulent, sensuous character. This is a good thing as it allows the cashmere tannins and layers of sweet, ripe, almost decadent berries to come alive, expand and really hang in there. If you are a fan of Leoville Poyferré, this needs to be in your cellar. The harvest took place from September 20 to October 11.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“The 2019 is a blend of 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, and 3% each of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. The harvest took place from 20th September to 11th October, with the result 14% abv. The wine will be aged for 18-20 months in 80% new French oak. Deep purple in colour with an opulent nose of cassis, fig, and sweet vanilla. The palate follows in this vein, with glossy and fleshy fruit giving a rounded, creamy texture. The tannins are ripe, fine, and well-integrated at this stage, allowing the juicy cassis to shine through. The oak is toasty but matched but the intense fruit, showing cinnamon, nutmeg, and cedar. This builds to a broad, long, and hedonistic finish. Impressive.”

- Farr Vintners

“The 2019 Léoville-Poyferré has the quintessential "LP" bouquet of perfumed blackberry, black plum, perhaps less tobacco than last year but still those hints of desiccated orange peel. It opens beautifully in the glass. The palate has a satin-like texture, a fine bead of acidity and fine pixelation. It is perhaps less luxuriant than I found this last year from barrel and has become slightly more linear, displaying a touch more breeding and precision. It fans out wonderfully on the finish, completing a fabulous Saint-Julien with huge potential. 14.18% alcohol 2026 – 2065.”

- NM, Vinous

“The 2019 Léoville-Poyferré has a typically seductive bouquet with layers of ripe black fruit laced with tobacco, sous-bois, touches of marmalade and dried orange peel. Give it another hour and more blue fruit begins to emerge. The palate is medium-bodied with lavish, luxuriant black fruit and a creamy texture that is instantly seductive. It is a more opulent Saint-Julien than the Barton with a satin-like texture on the finish. If you love the style of Léoville-Poyferré then you will adore this.”

- NM, Vinous

“The 2019 Léoville-Poyferré is creamy, racy, and voluptuous to the core. Bright red cherry/plum fruit, blood orange, mint, spice, and menthol fill out the layers with effortless grace. In some tastings, the 2019 has come across as quite powerful, while in other moments it shows greater finesse. Either way, the 2019 is positively stunning. I very much admire its energy and persistence. Tasted three times.”

- AG, Vinous

“The 2019 Léoville-Poyferré is magnificent. Inky, dark, and beautifully layered in the glass, the 2019 possesses off-the-charts richness allied to tremendous breadth that grows over time. Crème de cassis, chocolate, licorice, sweet spice, and menthol wrap around the palate as this dense, potent Saint-Julien shows off its alluring personality. Readers should be prepared to cellar the 2019 for some years, as it is a wine of raw power”

- AG, Vinous

“It's one of the bigger, richer wines in the vintage and has a gorgeous, thrilling, full-bodied style as well as notes of crème de cassis, tobacco leaf, violets, and chocolate. While many estates seem to be playing it safe and focusing on so-called elegance and balance, I love that Poyferré continues to make a ripe, sexy, beautifully textured wine that always offers more opulence and sexiness than most in the vintage. Ranking with the crème de la crème of the vintage, this gorgeous Poyferré can be enjoyed any time over the coming 40-50 years. Bravo!”

- Jeb Dunnuck

“The 2019 Château Léoville Poyferré [...] is a classic wine from this address, with a dense purple color as well as a blockbuster nose of blackberries, cassis, chocolate, toasted spices, graphite, and tobacco. This flamboyant, full-bodied, opulent wine has a massive, sexy texture, sweet tannins, and a finish that won't quit. It's better than the 2000, 2003, 2005, 2015, and 2016 and reminds me of the 2009 with its oversized yet balanced, beautiful profile. The alcohol checks in at just over 14%, but it isn't noticeable in the least. Buy this rock star by the case!”

- Jeb Dunnuck

Reviews *“Deep dark ruby garnet, opaque core, violet reflections, delicate ocher edge. Delicate nuances of precious wood, black berries, delicate cassis, tobacco spice, some nougat. Juicy, powerful, extract-sweet, chocolate tannins, sweet cherries, freshly structured finish, slims down in the finish, mineral notes, patience is required here, shows very good potential, still underdeveloped.”*
- Falstaff Magazine

“67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, and 3% each of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Deep purple colour. Powerful and black fruited on the nose, layering cassis, damson and brambly tones with cinnamon, nutmeg, and a touch of incense. The palate is initially plush and rounded as opulent, intense black fruit rushes forth. This is then matched by grippy, chewy and ripe tannins. The structure and fruit knit together perfectly, accented by spiced, woody tones from measured oak. This muscular and deep Poyferré is a star of 2019. Great potential.”
- Tom Parker MW

“The nose is elegant, racy and offers intensity as well as deepness. It reveals notes of fleshy/ripe Boysen berry, crushed raspberry, small notes of small juicy/pulpy black fruits associated with touches of violet, zan, timut pepper, lily as well as hints of spices and vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, precision, gourmandize as well as tension, a beautiful finesse of the guideline and a beautiful power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, small black fruits, small notes of fleshy/juicy gariguette strawberry associated with touches of black cherry, cornflower/lily as well as hints of juicy violet plum, nutmeg, sweet spices and toasted. Beautiful persistence. A discreet hint of toasted hazelnut on the finish/persistence.”
- Vert de Vin