

2007 Château Lafleur, Pomerol

Château Lafleur, Bordeaux Wine Region, France

Product details

Vintage:	2007	Drinking:	Now 2025
Producer:	Château Lafleur	Alcohol:	
Region:	Bordeaux Wine Region	Variety:	Bordeaux blend
Country:	France		

Tasting notes

57% Merlot: 43% Cabernet Franc - This is a wine that requires respect and attention. Notes of cherry liqueur, minerals and crushed stones rise, rather than leap, from the glass without any sense of force or coercion. The attack brings further notes of fresh autumnal fruit- damson and bright black cherry- and silky, smooth textures, showing a wine of the highest craft. The tannins are gentle, adding enough grip to counterbalance the smoothness and to give a correct austerity but without a hint of astringency or dryness. This is not a big, concentrated Lafleur but a more gentle, alluringly showing, revealing layer upon layer of flavour- a little whiff of smoke, a show of spice- and impressing quietly, unassumingly. That is not to say that this lacks impact- this is a wine that will hold its head high in any company. The old vine Cabernet contributes vinosity and natural intensity and the skill of the winemaker allows the terroir to be expressed without a sense of man's involvement. Beautifully balanced, the finish is immaculate- long, resonating and drawing the taster back for more. This wine proves yet again that great vineyards and great winemakers make great wine every year. - 19.5 points

About the producer

Nestled next door to Pomerol's Petrus, Château Lafleur measures a mere 4.5ha, planted almost exactly with half Bouchet (Cabernet Franc) and half Merlot. Since the Guinaudeau family took control of production, an already highly regarded cru has reached greater heights, with more obsessive precision of selection and timing of picking, as well as more nuanced use of barrels. Combining their mineral expression of Merlot, with the perfume and complexity of Bouchet (Cabernet Franc) the Guinaudeau family has managed to create some of the most elegant, long-lived and collectible wines in Bordeaux.

