



2010 Pensées de Lafleur, Pomerol

Château Lafleur, Bordeaux Wine Region, France

Product details

Vintage:	2010	Drinking:	2020 2030
Producer:	Château Lafleur	Alcohol:	14.50%
Region:	Bordeaux Wine Region	Variety:	Bordeaux blend
Country:	France		

Tasting notes

As ever the Guinaudeaus have made a superlative wine. Real care and attention have been taken to not over extract and the result is supple, soft and velvety. This restraint gives the wine a poise and delicacy which is incredibly appealing. The aromas lift out of the glass bringing cassis, herbs, violets and peonies with a hint of sweetest spice. The flavours are intense and juicy but manage to be elegant and refined at the same time. The structure is fine and toned, providing the perfect platform for the fruit and perfume. Absolutely magnificent. Drink 2020 - 2035

Reviews

The 2010 Pensées de Lafleur has a fragrant bouquet, hints of tobacco and sous-bois on the entry, a little smoke combining with light black fruit. It demands coaxing from the glass – certainly not as immediate as the 2009. The palate is medium-bodied with a touch of bell pepper on the entry. The acidity is keen, almost citric, with a tightly wound, slightly taciturn finish that is very fresh and animated. Not quite sure if it possesses the depth for a truly long-term Pensées, but it is certainly delicious to drink now and over the next 10 years. Tasted November 2012. Score: 90 Neal Martin

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 Guineau family has managed to create some of the most elegant, long-lived and collectible wines in Bordeaux.