



CHÂTEAU FERRIERE

MARGAUX . 3^E GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855

FACTSHEET
Vintage 2000

In the middle of the XVIII century, the property belonged to Gabriel Ferrière, illustrious member of the court of Louis XV. It remained in the family until 1914, when it was sold to Armand Feuillerat, the owner of Chateau Marquis de Terme, another Grand Cru Classé of Margaux.

From 1952, the property was rented and the operations were directed by Alexis Lichine. The wine was vinified at Chateau Lascombes. In 1988, the Villars family bought the vineyards and the château, but the long term rent only ended in 1992. The family then took over the operations of the vineyard and winemaking.

With its 12 hectares of vineyards, Chateau Ferrière has the smallest property of the Grands Crus Classés in 1855. Today, Claire Villars-Lurton is at the origin of this revival. She works with the greatest fineness and succeeded to reveal in her wine the exceptional terroir of Chateau Ferrière.

Owner	Claire VILLARS LURTON
Production manager	Gérard FENOUILLET
Winemaking consultant	Jacques BOISSENOT
Surface of the vineyard	12 hectares
Soil	Deep gravels on limestone substrate
Plantation	70% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot
Average age of vineyard	45 years
Density	10 000 plants/ha
Yield	700 to 800 g/plant
Growing	Traditional-Integrated wine growing management
Harvest	Hand picking
Vinification	Traditional in concrete and wooden vats, whose volumes are proportional to the plots
Fermentation on skins	16 to 26 days
Blending	70% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot
Aging	In oak barrels during 18 months. 40 % of new oak
Production	50 000 bottles, including the second wine
Second wine	Les Remparts de Ferrière
Conservation	5 to 40 years



CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VINTAGE

The mild Winter led to the development of mildew. The bad weather of Spring had caused a late flowering. Until July, the weather was poor with storms and low temperatures.

Then, the climate changed with extremely high temperatures and very little rain, which was ideal for the perfect ripening of the grapes.

Overall production was moderately plentiful but the quality was homogeneous. Merlot was the most successful.

The 2000 vintage has a remarkable ageing capacity due to an unusual concentration of tannins.

This is an exceptional vintage.

TASTING

The color is deep. The nose is elegant and fluid with aromas of black truffle, mocha and tobacco but it is still fruity. The attack is beautiful. It is a powerful wine with long, elegant and fresh tannins. The wine is very elegant.

SCORES

Wine Spectator - 93

Decanter - 5*

René Gabriel - 18