



# CHÂTEAU FERRIERE

MARGAUX . 3<sup>e</sup> GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855

FACTSHEET  
Vintage 2002

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 Ferriere 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 Ferriere.

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	600 to 700 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	18 to 24 days
Blending	75 % cabernet sauvignon, 25 % merlot
Aging	In oak barrels during 18 months. 40 % of new oak
Production	40 000 bottles, including the second wine
Second wine	Les Remparts de Ferrière
Conservation	5 to 30 years



## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VINTAGE

The Winter was dry and the recorded rainfall was below 300 mm regarding to the seasonal one. An early hot and dry Spring triggered an early flowering. But heavy rains affected the yields while causing shatter and millerandage. This also contributed to the aeration of the bunches of grapes.

August was stormy with 49 mm of rainfall in one day. This stimulated an early and uniform ripening.

Ideal weather conditions with sun and heat, ensured an optimal maturation of the grapes. The sanitary status of the harvest was good.

## TASTING

A great vintage, which is close to 1986 and 1996 (other great vintages for cabernet sauvignon). It has a nice balance, which is supported by a frame of fine and tasty tannins. It offers a good ripeness of the aromas and of the tannins.

Its concentration forecasts a good capacity in ageing.

The 2002 seems like a return to a more traditional wine that has made the reputation of the Margaux appellation.

## SCORES

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