



# Les Remparts de Ferrière

Second wine of Château Ferrière  
3rd Classified Growth in Margaux

Technical factsheet

Vintage 2012

In the 18th century, Chateau Ferriere was founded by Gabriel FERRIERE. The property remained in the family until 1914 FERRIERE, when it was sold to Armand FEUILLERAT, then owner of Château Marquis de Terme. From 1952, the wine was vinified at Château Lascombes because the vineyard was rented to its owner. In 1988, the VILLARS-MERLAUT family bought the property and they winemaded their first vintage in 1993. Today, Claire Villars Lurton is the architect of this revival. Major renovations took place in 2013. But in addition to the technical improvements year after year to each of her properties, the major project of Claire is the optimization of the great terroirs that she is in charge. Biodynamics is for her the key to success.

Les Remparts de Ferrière is the second wine of Château Ferriere. Made with the grapes of the young vines which have generally less than 15 years. The wine is made in the winery of Château Ferrière and it benefits from the know-how and the facilities of the third Classified Growth. It remains a beautiful illustration of the property.

**Owner :** Claire VILARS LURTON

**Winemaking consultant :** Eric BOISSENOT

**Production :** 14 000 bottles

**Soil :** Gravels and sand

**Average age of the vineyard :** less than 15 years old

**Growing :** sustainable vine growing

**Harvest :** hand picking

**Vinification :** in thermo-regulated stainless and concrete vats

**Blending :** 70% cabernet sauvignon, 30% de Merlot.

**Ageing :** in French oak barrels during 12 months

**Name of the first wine :** Château FERRIERE



## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VINTAGE

2012 experienced a difficult weather with a dry and cold winter. Prophylaxis and the equilibrium of the vines played an important role in controlling fungal diseases. The weather became more favorable from mid-July. And from that date, all delays had been caught up thanks to the high temperatures of August. And finally, the rain-fall of September favored the evolution of the skin and accelerated the ripening of the grapes.

We started harvesting on October 1st and end on October 10th, 2012. The distribution of the bunches on the plant (low yields) and the sane status of the vineyard, added to a very precise sorting, were capital this year to maximize the quality of this vintage. Merlot quickly showed a remarkable pulp. When the Cabernet Sauvignon, they didn't disappoint us and were faithful in our land of Médoc. They are soft and rich of elegance. The vintage will be powerful, soft and digest. 2012 is a very good vintage.

## TASTINGS

The vintage gave a fresh, fruity and fine wine. Aromas of red berries, cassis and cherry. We have the same fruits on the palate.

The persistency is long with volume. The wine has a nice structure with wrapped, riped and fine tannins.

It is an elegant and balance wine in the very classic style of Margaux.