



Ets. Jean-Pierre Moueix

2001 CHÂTEAU LAFLEUR GAZIN

POMEROL

Lying between the two famous châteaux LaFleur and Gazin, this estate has belonged to the current owner's family for the past three generations and has been farmed by the Etablissements Jean-Pierre Moueix since 1976. Due to the presence of a light sandy soil, approximately 20% of the vineyard is planted with Cabernet Franc (quite a high proportion for Pomerol). The remaining 80% is planted with merlot vines grown on the gravelly part of the property.

Winemaking

Thanks to meticulous work, both in the vineyards (a regular crop thinning has been practiced for more than 10 years now) and in the cellar (moderate skin contact and maximum of 25% new oak depending on the vintage), the wine shows a deep color, a vivid nose with a lot of fruit backed by a firm tannic structure. This is a wine to be aged.

Tasting Notes

The color of this wine is intense and deep. On the nose, there are hints of ripe black fruits and cassis-buds (typical of cabernet franc.) As this wine continues to age, more aromas will open. The palate is quite full, silky and ready to drink today or age in a cellar. The depth of the wine makes it perfect accompaniment with a meat.

Additional Information

The 2001 vintage was characterized by a quick flowering process. A wet month of July slightly delayed the veraison and on August 10th the vineyard team began the long process of "toiletage" (manicuring the bunches by eliminating late green fruits). The perfect combination of a hot August and a cool, dry month in September allowed for picking to begin on September 22nd and finish by October 5th. These perfect harvest conditions resulted in a vintage that has produced classic and elegant wines with delicate fruit expressions.

Technical Information

Appellation:	Pomerol
Varietal(s):	80% Merlot 20% Cabernet Franc
Aging:	20 months in French Oak Barrels
Wine Alcohol:	13.5%
New Oak:	25%
Avg Vine Age:	30 years old
Suggested Retail Price:	\$42