



Ets. Jean-Pierre Moueix

2004 CHÂTEAU LAFLEUR GAZIN

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.

Winemaking

The vines, on average 30 years old, are planted on varied soils such as sand, where the cabernet franc shows its full character. Twenty percent 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. The vineyard management and the vinification are carried out traditionally and with the same care as on the other MOUEIX properties.

Tasting Notes

Château Lafleur-Gazin generally has a deep color, vivid nose and good texture backed by a firm tannic structure. A few years of cellaring will ensure full enjoyment.

Harvest

Bud breaking started on April 3rd under mild and slightly rainy conditions. The high temperatures of late May and beginning of June induced a quick and homogeneous flowering (June 5-10th) with a big production potential. A normal month of July was followed by a mild and rather humid August. An unexpected hot and dry month of September promoted the end of maturation and thus allowed for good quality grapes. Picking started on September 17 and finished on October 7, lasting for a long period under overall good climatic conditions. The wines show a good intense color, with a normal evolution; on the nose, one finds a vivid bouquet with floral and fruits scents; on the palate, a good harmony and balance with fresh tannins ending on an aromatic and very pleasant finale. These are charming and typically Bordeaux wines in their complexity and finesse.

Technical Information

Varietal(s):	80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc
Avg Vine Age:	30
Soil Composition:	2/3 gravel, 1/3 sand
Suggested Retail Price:	\$41