

# MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES

CHATEAU

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Pomerol, France

Vintage: 2018

### Overview

Situated on the northern edge of the plateau of Pomerol, nestled between Château Gazin and Château La Fleur-Pétrus, this wine has been produced by Ets. Jean-Pierre Moueix since 1976 for the Borderie family, owners since 1930.

The vineyard (averaging 30 years of age), is planted on soils varying from gravel to clay to silt, allowing for a very elegant expression of Merlot. The vineyard management and vinification are carried out traditionally and with great care, producing a plump, supple, fleshy wine with ripe fruit and silky tannins.

### Winemaking

In thermoregulated concrete and stainless steel vats. Gentle and controlled maceration and extraction.

### Tasting Notes

Eminently approachable, even in its youth, Lafleur-Gazin is a delightful expression of the lighter style of Pomerol wines.

### Harvest Notes

Winter and spring were very rainy. A late budbreak, noted on April 9th, allowed us to avoid a spring frost. The flowering, from May 23rd to 30th, went well and the potential quality was significant. The rainy spring caused a severe attack of mildew, which was thwarted thanks to the considerable efforts of our vineyard workers. Throughout the summer, a team of 60 crop-thinned, adapting the desired yield to the parcel and the age of the vines. Near-perfect balance was the reward for 16,800 hours of meticulous work. Véraison took place from July 26th to August 12th. The main characteristic of this vintage was the 1,136 hours of sunshine between June and September, a notable record of the past fifty years. Harvest, graced with sunny skies and warm temperatures, took place from September 17th to 28th.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 100% Merlot

Acres: 21 acres

Soil Composition: Gravel, clay and silt

Average Vine Age: 30 years

Aging: 16-18 months in French oak barrels (30-40% new)

