

CHATEAU LA PERRIERE 2018

Appellation Lussac Saint Emilion

~ Background ~

Château La Perrière is located in the commune of Lussac. Monks established a monastery here in the Middle Ages and were the first to plant vines.

The estate owes its name to an eponymous stream, which in turn takes its name from the word pierrière, meaning rock quarry. There are currently 14 hectares of vines that benefit from a well-drained clay-limestone subsoil.

Jean-Luc Sylvain, a well-known cooper from Bordeaux's Right Bank, bought La Perrière in 2003 and shortly thereafter set about renovating the cellar, storage area, and vineyard. For a few years, Claire and Rémi have also chosen to follow their father and contribute to the building in the cooperage and the vineyard.

~ Viticulture ~

- Total surface of the estate is 8 hectares with maximum exposure to the sun.
- **90% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon**
- Terroir is mostly clay limestone with parent rock outcrops
- Vine density: 6,600 to 8,350 vines per hectare
- Yield: 40-45 hectolitres per hectare
- Most of grapes are hand-picked into small crates.
- Initial sorting is done in the vineyard and the grapes are carefully gone over a second time on a sorting table in the cellar.

~ Winemaking ~

- A combination of traditional and modern winemaking methods used. Vinification in thermo-regulated cement tanks.
- Average age of the vines : 15-45 years
- The harvest : Hand picking into small crates with hand sorting
- Fermentation : Stainless steel vats
- Ageing : 12 to 24 months, 50% in French oak barrels, 50% in stainless steel vats



92 Points. A bold, ripe and juicy wine, this is developing well. Its big tannins and satisfying blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc show potential richness and structure. Blackberry and black-plum flavors are impressive. Drink from 2023



90 Points. Currant, dried herb, oyster shell and bark on the nose. It's medium-bodied with sleek, fine tannins and a succulent, savory finish. Drink from 2022.



~ Tasting Notes ~

Deep ruby robe, intense aromas of black berries, toast, spices and vanilla. Fresh and fruity in the mouth with velvety tannins and a nice finish.

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