

CHÂTEAU FERRAN

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

2014 - Red wine

Since Robert de Ferran, solicitor at the Bordeaux Parliament, who gave his name to this exceptional vineyard, and Montesquieu, philosopher winegrower, owner of the domaine in the 18th century, this *terroir* has always produced red and white wines which were then known as "Premiers graves Martillac"

The property has belonged to an old Bordelais family since 1880, and today the descendants of Joseph Beraud-Sudreau, Philippe and Ghislane Lacoste, have been managing the estate since 1999.

A lot of work has been done in recent years to restructure the vineyard and renovate the cellars which has quickly resulted in numerous medals and good scores given by French, British and American wine writers, particularly during the futures tastings.

The work in the vineyard: debudding, deleafing, green harvest, hand picking parcel by parcel, sorting at the vineyard or in the cellars, enables the selection and assembling of the best batches during the *élevage* for the Château Ferran, and the blending of a more supple second wine under the name of Château de Belloc.

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Location: Martillac, close to château Latour-Martillac

Harvest: by hand. Excellent grape's state of health during all harvest time
Sorting at the vineyards and in the cellars
Merlot beginning on September the 30th
Petit Verdot beginning on October the 8th
Cabernet Sauvignon beginning on October the 10th.

Yield : 49hl/ha

Surface Area : 17 ha

Blending: 70% Merlot 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot

Production: 5500 cases

Density: 7140 wine plants per hectares

Geology: Hillocks of Miocene clay and limestone with some gravel

Vinification in stainless steel thermo-regulated vats during 20 days

Agging: in merrain oak barrels during 12 months – 30% new oak

SCORE

James Suckling : 91-92. Excellent length and firmness to this wine with fine tannins and a full body. Fresh acidity too.

Decanter by Jane Anson : 16.25/20pts (87/100pts). Firm vibrant purple, violet edging. Modern styling, wild black cherry flavours, smoke-stained cedar wood. Smooth silky texture, excellent tannin integration, accomplished, feel the hand of the winemaker.

eRobertParker.com by Neal Martin : 87-89. The Château Ferran 2014 has a ripe and generous bouquet with plenty of lush red cherries and blueberry fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with well-integrated new oak, good depth here with sappy blackberry and boysenberry notes, segueing into a structured finish that should mellow by the time of bottling. This is a fine Pessac-Léognan for the vintage.

Vinous by Antonio Galloni : 90/100. Powerful, dense and quite satisfying, bold wine to drink now and over the next few years.