

Collection
**FAMILLES &
CHÂTEAUX**

*Château
Lafleur du Roy*

POMEROL

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The Dubost family created their vineyard in the heart of Pomerol in 1957, one of the smallest appellations in Bordeaux. Yvon Dubost, a former mayor of Pomerol, owns and manages a vine nursery with his wife, Pâquerette (meaning «daisy»), who evidently loves flowers! Their in-depth knowledge of the terroir and wines of Pomerol is impressive. They called their château Lafleur du roy because of their love of flowers. In fact, a different watercolour of flowers by a Belgian friend is featured on the label of every vintage. The château is now owned and managed by Yvon and Pâquerette's son, Laurent.

Vineyard : *Château Lafleur du roy has 3.5 hectares (9 acres) of vines on sand and gravel soil with a clay subsoil. The Dubost family are enthusiastic winegrowers, and have developed several clones specifically suited to their terroir. The vines are an average 30-35 years old. Some are 40-45 years old.*

Grape varieties : *85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon*

Viticulture : *Sustainable methods used, and no weed control. The soil between the vine rows and underneath the vines is ploughed, and buds are thinned during pruning. Regular leaf thinning.*

Harvesting and fermentation : *Each plot is managed individually, and the grapes are handpicked and totally destemmed over a two-week period. Cold soaking and must containing indigenous yeast is added to each vat to trigger alcoholic fermentation. Extraction by pumping over and délestage (rack and return).*

Ageing : *15-18 months in oak barrels (1/3 new, 1/3 used for one previous vintage, and 1/3 for two previous vintages). Preliminary blending before the wine is put into barrels. These come from 4 or 5 different coopers who supply different sorts of oak with different toasts. The final blend is made in March. The wine is then fined (clarified) with egg white. The wine is not filtered prior to bottling.*

Tasting notes : *Deep, dark colour with black highlights. Rich, complex bouquet with overtones of red fruit, leather, and forest floor. Full-bodied and well-balanced on the palate with good tannin and ripe fruit that goes into a long, delicious aftertaste. Lots of substance and a fine tannic structure for good ageing potential. A wine to accompany refined cuisine : grilled meat, meat in a sauce, mushrooms and strong cheeses, game, and poultry.*

