

Château Lafite Rothschild





At Lafite, we hesitated for a long time over the best moment to start picking. We took the plunge on September 19th with our finest Merlots. Then came a rainy spell of a few days that was beneficial, lowering the degrees and bringing our Cabernets Sauvignons to perfect ripeness.

The first tastings, after running the wines off skins, left us amazed: the wines are pure, with a very precise ripe style.

A modern Lafite classic is already in the making.

At blending, some nice surprises from our vines from "outsider" plots, which this year have produced pure and elegant wines that were just ahead of some of the regulars in the blend for the Grand Vin.

This is particularly the case for Merlot, with some plots of this variety planted on clayey gravel that surpassed our usual great Merlots thanks to their liveliness.

Bud burst: 27 March

Mid-Flowering: 4 June

Mid-Véraison: from 8 to 12 August

Harvest: from 19 September to 7 October

Blend: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5%

Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot