

# Château Léoville Poyferré

# Deuxième Grand Cru Classé en 1855

### Saint-Julien



### A family story anchored in wine

Wine merchants in the north of France since 1804, the Cuvelier family acquired Château Le Crock in 1903, classified Cru Bourgeois Supérieur in 1932. The family then acquired Château Léoville Poyferré (2nd Grand Cru Classé in 1855) and Château Moulin Riche, both in Saint-Julien, in 1920.

#### <u>Vineyard</u>

Surface area: 80 hectares, 21 ha of which are in Château Moulin

Riche

Planted grape varieties of the properties: 61 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 27 % Merlot, 8 % Petit Verdot, 4 % Cabernet Franc

Average vine age: 37 years

Density: 8 700 Vines/hectars

Soils: terraces of Mindel gravel, sandy-clay subsoil

Viticulture: Sustainable, no herbicides, no pesticides (mating

disruption and reintroduction of predators).

Tillage of soil and vegetal fertilizers.

Organic and biodynamic approach on part of the vineyard.

Optimal distribution and aeration of the grapes thanks to adapted

pruning of each vine and leaf plucking.

#### <u>Harvest</u>

## **Vinification**

Plot-by-plot, cold pre-fermentation maceration

#### Barrel Aging

18-20 months in barrel, 80% of which are new

#### Team

Owners: the Cuvelier family Managing

**Directors**: Didier Cuvelier & Sara Lecompte Cuvelier **Wine Tourism and Receptions**: Anne Cuvelier

Château Oenologist : Isabelle Davin
Consulting Oenologist : Michel Rolland

Cellar Master: Didier Thomann Vineyard Manager: Bruno Clenet



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#### **VINTAGE 2016 TECHNICAL NOTES**

Blend: 63 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 29 % Merlot, 6 % Petit Verdot, 2 % Cabernet Franc

Yield: 44 HI/Ha

Harvest dates:

Alcohol: 13.5 % vol

**TA:** 3.60

**pH**: 3.66

**IPT:** 88

### Vintage description:

As the saying goes, "After the rain comes the sun." This rang true on June 21<sup>st</sup>, the first day of summer. Suddenly, as if by magic, the sun shone brightly and continued until harvest, bringing on a salutary dry spell after winter and a rainy spring.

Sumptuous fruitiness, unctuosity of 2009, balance and density of 2010...

Such are the characteristics of 2016, with remarkable length on the palate,

the seduction and elegance of one of the greatest vintages

# Comments from the winemaking team:

- Deep purplish color
- Dense, fresh and complex nose, with subtle notes of ripe fruit and spices
- The attack is frank and fleshy, the mid-palate is full and creamy
- The tannic structure is dense and powerful
- The finish is very long and persistent, supported by pleasant empyreumatic notes