

CHATEAU LA FLEUR DU MAYNE

AOC Pomerol Red

OWNER/COMMUNE	Sophie LAPORTE / POMEROL
BACKGROUND	Run by Sophie Laporte and her partner, this small estate – which like so many in Pomerol has been family-owned though five generations – is situated near to Clinet and has prestigious neighbours including the châteaux of Clinet and Église Clinet.
SURFACE	3 ha
AVERAGE AGE OF VINES	40 years
GRAPE VARIETIES	85% Merlot – 15% Cabernet Franc
TERROIR	The terroir is made up of equal parts of sand on crasse de fer – clay with high iron oxide content – and the gravely clay of the famous Pomerol Plateau.
WINEMAKING/MATURING	The old vines are tended using traditional methods (ploughing, leaf culling and green harvesting). The grapes are fermented in cement vats using methods which conserve the typical characteristics of the terroir and yield round, fruity wines with silky tannins.



VINTAGE 2011 :

TASTING NOTES The deep ruby hue of this wine betrays its youth as well as the richness of the Merlot grapes, harvested at full maturity. The highly expressive bouquet exudes aromas of violets and liquorice evolving to black berried fruits – blackberry and cassis. The silky attack gives way to a rich, chewy palate, with the smooth underlying tannic structure providing fine length. Definitely a wine for pleasure, displaying all the typical charms of this prestigious appellation and to be enjoyed over an informal meal with family or friends.

AGEING To drink from 2013