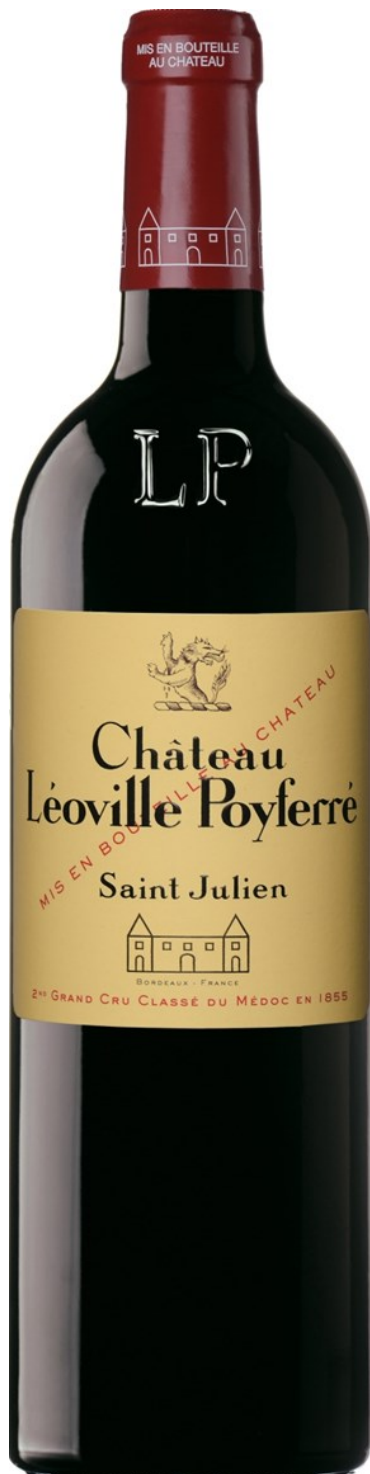




# Château Léoville Poyferré

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## 2018, The Extraordinary Equation



### 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Cru Classé in 1855) and Château Moulin Riche, both in Saint-Julien, in 1920.

### Vineyard

**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/hectare

**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.

### Harvest

Manual into crates. Manual sorting of bunches, followed by individual berry sorting by optical sorter.

### Vinification

Plot-by-plot, cold pre-fermentation maceration

### Barrel Aging

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

### Winemaking Team

**Owners** : the Cuvelier family

**Managing Director** : 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 2018 TECHNICAL NOTES

**Blend :** 64% cabernet sauvignon  
30% merlot  
3% cabernet franc  
3% petit verdot

**Yield:** 43 Hl/Ha

**Harvest dates :** 20 September – 12 October 2018

**TAV :** 14.4 % vol

**AT :** 3.15

**pH :** 3.70

**IPT :** 90

### **Vintage description :**

A veritable vintage of extremes, the weather throughout 2018 resulted in perfect maturity for each plot, and revealed wines with both superb structure and great aromatic potential. If its solar side gives it a slight "southern accent", this vintage remains above all synonymous with elegance and balance. The vine prevailed once again, showing us the magic of Bordeaux....

***The 2018 vintage displays the strength of the 2016 and the elegance of the 2010.***