



# Château Mouton-Rothschild

A refined and structured expression of Pauillac, the 2017 Mouton Rothschild is a compelling return to classicism, with vibrant Cabernet Sauvignon purity and poised elegance.

  
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**98**  
James  
Suckling



## 1er Cru Classé 2017

Bordeaux, France

### Region and Vineyards

Château Mouton Rothschild lies on the **gravelly rise ("motte")** of northern Pauillac, where its **75-hectare vineyard** benefits from a unique terroir of deep gravels layered over sand, marl, clay, and limestone. These soils provide exceptional drainage and thermal regulation, especially favourable to **Cabernet Sauvignon**, the dominant variety in the estate's vineyard.

In 2017, the Mouton vineyard was fortunate to escape the spring frost that severely impacted other parts of Bordeaux. The growing season was shaped by **a dry spring**, early budbreak, and **a prolonged drought** lasting until December. Despite a wet June, the summer remained moderately warm and dry, leading to **small, concentrated berries** with intense colour and flavour. Harvesting began on **7 September** and ended on **29 September**, marking an early and compact vintage, with **51% of the crop** selected for the Grand Vin.

### Winemaking

The final blend of **Château Mouton Rothschild 2017** is composed of **90% Cabernet Sauvignon**, **9% Merlot**, and **1% Petit Verdot**—a Cabernet-dominant profile reflecting the variety's excellence in the vintage. Fermentation was conducted in traditional **225-hL wooden vats**, with maceration lasting 15 to 25 days. The wine was then aged for **approximately 22 months in 100% new French oak barrels**, reinforcing its structure and aromatic depth.

With an **alcohol level of 13.1%** and a **pH of 3.75**, the wine shows superb balance, energy, and longevity. Winemaker **Philippe Dhalluin** aimed for extended macerations at **lower temperatures**, promoting finesse over extraction—especially important in a vintage marked by heat and drought stress.

Alcohol :13,10 %

Composition: 90% Cabernet  
Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 1%  
Cabernet Franc



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## Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep garnet with dark purple reflections and vivid clarity.
- **Aroma:** Expressive nose of cassis, crushed blackberry, graphite, cedar, and floral hints of violet and iris. Subtle notes of star anise, espresso, and cigar box unfold with aeration.
- **Palate:** Medium to full-bodied with polished, fine-grained tannins. The attack is fresh and precise, followed by a dense, harmonious mid-palate of black fruits, licorice, and crushed stone. The finish is long and tightly wound, revealing depth, energy, and classic Pauillac minerality.

## Did you know?

The **label of Mouton 2017** features artwork by **Annette Messenger**, a major French contemporary artist. Her piece, titled *Hallelujah*, is a celebration of vitality and creation—a poetic mirror to the challenges and triumphs of the 2017 vintage, and a tribute to Mouton's eternal reinvention through art and nature.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled ribeye with black pepper crust** – matches the wine's structure and graphite edge.
- **Venison with juniper berry sauce** – complements the dark fruit and spice.
- **Roast duck breast with plum reduction** – highlights the wine's floral lift and silky tannins.
- **Aged Comté or Manchego curado** – amplifies the wine's mineral length and umami notes.

### James Suckling (JS) : 98 Points (2017)



*Extremely perfumed Mouton with currants and crushed berries. Hints of roses and other flowers. Tight and extremely refined with ultra-fine tannins and cool yet rich currant character. The center palate offers sweet cherries and hints of oak. Lightly sweet and sour. Fresh, balsamic note. It firms up at the end. Solid. A blend of 90% cabernet sauvignon, 9% merlot and 1% petit verdot.*

### Wine Spectator (WS) : 97 Points (2017)



*A brick house Cabernet, featuring a thick sheath of warm ganache and smoldering tobacco over a core of well-steeped black currant, black fig and blackberry compote flavors. Cuts a wide and deep trench as it moves along, with loamy, tannic grip for ballast. Retains a well-buried inner purity that should blossom as this mellows in the cellar. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot. \*Collectible\* (JM)*



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**Robert Parker (RP) : 97 Points (2017)**

*The 2017 Mouton Rothschild is a blend of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Franc. Deep garnet-purple in color, it slowly unfurls to reveal notes of warm black plums, baked black cherries, kirsch and freshly crushed blackcurrants with hints of candied violets, cinnamon toast, Ceylon tea and pencil shavings. Medium-bodied, the palate is charged with amazing energy, featuring dynamic black and red fruits and loads of baking spice and mineral sparks, framed by ripe, fine-grained tannins and finishing long and fragrant. Given the intensity of fruit and structure, while this is a relatively elegant Mouton that will be approachable early on, I don't see it as being short lived. It should give pleasure for a good 40+ years. (LPB) 96+*

