



Château Mouton-Rothschild

A dramatic and seductive First Growth from Pauillac, the 2015 Mouton Rothschild displays depth, charisma, and remarkable balance between flamboyance and classicism.


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1er Cru Classé 2015

Bordeaux, France

Region and Vineyards

Château Mouton Rothschild is situated in the heart of **Pauillac**, on Bordeaux's Left Bank, and enjoys Premier Grand Cru Classé status—granted in 1973 after a historical reclassification campaign led by **Baron Philippe de Rothschild**. The estate's **75 hectares of vineyards** lie on a distinctive gravel rise ("motte"), from which the name "Mouton" is believed to originate. These deep gravel soils, layered with sand, clay, and limestone, offer ideal drainage and heat retention, fostering optimal ripening for **Cabernet Sauvignon**, the dominant grape of the estate.

The vines average **50 years of age** and are planted at **8,500 vines per hectare**, contributing to the wine's complexity and concentration. The 2015 vintage was shaped by **low rainfall from February to July**, yielding small berries with intense aromatic concentration. Timely rains in August and September revived the vines and allowed for extended hang time. Harvesting took place from **14 September to 2 October**, parcel by parcel, ensuring each variety and plot was picked at peak maturity.

Winemaking

The 2015 blend consists of **82% Cabernet Sauvignon**, **16% Merlot**, and **2% Cabernet Franc**, fermented in traditional **225-hectolitre wooden vats**, with a maceration period lasting between 15 and 25 days. Aging occurred over **approximately 22 months in 100% new French oak barrels**, a hallmark of Mouton's luxurious style and commitment to precision élevage.

This vintage's moderate alcohol level (**13.2%**) underscores its structural harmony and classical balance. The wine was bottled in mid-2017, following a slow, controlled maturation aimed at softening the wine's powerful tannins and developing its richly layered aromatic profile.

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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, almost opaque garnet with purple reflections.
- **Aroma:** Intensely aromatic, with wild blackberry, cassis, incense, pencil shavings, and floral overtones. Layers of spice, sandalwood, and dried roses unfold with air.
- **Palate:** Rich, full-bodied, and refined, with creamy, polished tannins and a velvety mid-palate. Ripe black fruits intermingle with graphite and tobacco. A saline lift and vivid freshness carry through an exceptionally long and mineral finish.

Did you know?

Since 1945, **Château Mouton Rothschild** has commissioned a different artist each year—including Picasso, Dali, Miró, Chagall, and Jeff Koons—to design the label for its grand vin. The 2015 label features the work of renowned German artist **Gerhard Richter**, celebrating both the wine's artistic and viticultural heritage.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Wagyu ribeye with truffle jus** – amplifies the wine's opulent mouthfeel and savoury depth.
- **Lamb shoulder confit with rosemary and lavender** – echoes the wine's herbal and spice-laced complexity.
- **Roasted duck breast with cherry glaze** – matches the dark fruit core and silkiness of the tannins.
- **Aged Gouda or Ossau-Iraty** – complements the graphite and nutty finish of the wine.

James Suckling (JS) : 99 Points (2015)



Decadent and rich aromas of black cherries and plums with wet earth and sandalwood. Turns to dried mushrooms. Full-bodied, tight and closed with big, polished tannins... shows such depth and beauty.

Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 99 Points (2015)



In contrast to the precise, backward, yet massive 2016, the 2015 Chateau Mouton Rothschild offers a gorgeous, up-front, spicy perfume of spiced black and blue fruits, smoked tobacco, new leather, and lead pencil shavings. These carry to a full-bodied, deep, rich, layered, incredibly sexy wine that has beautiful tannins, flawless balance, and a great, great finish. More in the style of the 2009, this already offers pleasure today yet will nevertheless evolve for 50+ years.



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Robert Parker (RP) : 98 Points (2015)

The 2015 Mouton Rothschild is a blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc aged in 100% new oak with a mid-July 2017 bottling. Deep garnet-purple colored, this Mouton pulls off an incredibly impactful entrance, emerging from the glass with profound notes of blackberry preserves, plum pudding, crème de cassis and grilled meats, featuring perfectly accessorized accents of sandalwood, cinnamon stick and fenugreek with wafts of dried roses, unsmoked cigars and tilled soil. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is completely packed with rich, ripe black fruits sparked with blue and red fruit undertones and an incredible structure of very firm, very ripe tannins, with seamless freshness and an epicly long, earth-laced finish. Possessing striking natural beauty framed by impeccable crafting, this 2015 is a total diva and well worth attention. Give it a good 7-8 years in bottle, at least, and drink it over the next 30+ years.

