

CHÂTEAU TROTANOY 2018

POMEROL

This famous growth, whose soil was too hard to work and thus called "trop anoi" (too annoying) in medieval French, is located on one of the most beautiful parts of the plateau of Pomerol and was purchased in 1953 by Ets. Jean-Pierre MOUEIX.



Appellation:	Pomerol
Vineyard size:	7.2 hectares (17.8 acres)
Soil Types:	Gravel on clay and black clay on iron pan
Vineyard varietals:	90% Merlot - 10% Cab Franc Average vine age: 35 years
Viticulture:	« Culture raisonnée » Soil tilling (4 ways) Vine growth management adapted to the climatic conditions
Harvest:	Manual harvest. Double sorting: manual and optical
Winemaking:	In thermo-regulated concrete and stainless-steel vats Gentle & controlled maceration & extraction
Aging:	16-18 months in French oak barrels (50% new)

History

Purchased by Jean-Pierre Moueix in 1953, Château Trotanoy has been considered one of the premier crus of Pomerol since the end of the eighteenth century. The soil of Château Trotanoy is a very dense mixture of clay and gravel which tends to solidify as it dries out after rain to an almost concrete-like hardness, hence the name "Trotanoy," or, in other words, "too wearisome" to cultivate. The Trotanoy vineyard slopes gently to the west. The soil at the highest point of exposure contains a good proportion of gravel, becoming progressively more dominated by clay as the elevation declines. Under this clay is a subsoil of red gravel and an impermeable layer of hard, iron-rich soil known as "crasse de fer." This fascinating soil diversity brings power, depth and complexity to the wine. Trotanoy is vinified in small concrete vats, while maturation takes place in mainly new oak barrels.

JAMES SUCKLING - 100 POINTS

Super nose of dried blueberry, black plum, walnut, myrrh and sandalwood. Lavender, violet, and chocolate, too. Ripe with wood now, but fresh. It's full-bodied with firm, ultra fine tannins. Lots of dark spice is interlaced with the ripe fruit, giving this complex, perfumed character. Muscular, long and seamless with incredible depth and concentration. Reminds me of the great 2009, but this is better with more structure. Amazing wine. Try from 2027.

WINE ADVOCATE - 99 POINTS

The 2018 Trotanoy is composed of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, it slowly unfurls to reveal a jaw-dropping perfume of Black Forest cake, black raspberries, blackberry pie and kirsch, followed by hints of cast-iron pan, violets, woodsmoke, Chinese five spice and eucalyptus, with a waft of tree bark. The full-bodied palate explodes with exotic spice and mineral fireworks, grounded by a concentrated, black and red berry preserves core and framed by firm, grainy tannins, finishing with epic length and depth. It will need a good five years in bottle to tame some of the youthfully overt, showy fruit and allow the mineral and earth nuances to emerge, then it should easily cellar another 35 years or more.

ALSO:

**VINOUS - 99 POINTS, JEB DUNNUCK - 100 POINTS,
WINE SPECTATOR - (97-100) POINTS, WINE ENTHUSIAST - (95-97) POINTS**



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