



# 2022 CHÂTEAU ROUGET

## POMEROL

The history of Château Rouget began several centuries ago. Already known at the end of the Roman Empire, the Estate's terroirs were at that time merged with Saint-Emilion's ones. Château Rouget is certainly the Estate in Pomerol which has made the most progress during last 20 years.

JEAN-PIERRE  
**MOUEIX**  
GRANDS VINS



**Grape Varieties:**

85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc

**Planting Density:**

3,000 vines per acre / 7,500 vines per hectare

**Average Age of Vines:**

45 years

**Soil Management:**

Vineyards are farmed sustainably, using practices such as cover crops and ploughing.

**Terroir:**

- Soils are gravelous, either mixed with clay or with sand.
- This soil composition, combined with an exceptional exposure, confers all the typicity, elegance and finesse to Château Rouget wines.

**Harvests:**

- Grapes are manually picked and carefully transported in small 20 kg crates.
- Harvest occurs in several steps, in order to secure an optimal maturity level.
- Bunches are sorted a first time as soon as they arrive in the cellar.
- Then, once the grapes are fully destemmed, they go through another double sorting table.

**Winemaking and Ageing:**

- Alcohol 14.5+%
- Vinification: 30% barrel fermentation, 70% oak vats
- Ageing: 30% new barrels

**Tasting Notes:** The depth of the ruby red colour indicates a wide and generous wine. At first, the bouquet is all about black fruits and opens out on very soft and sweet spices. The freshness of the mouth and the finesse of the tannins make the wine very silky, and the crunchy mouth in the middle will be quite surprising. It is a lively wine that will reveal itself a little bit more every time you'll taste it.

### JAMES SUCKLING - 95 POINTS

*A polished and complex Rouget with a fine balsamic touch. Dark plums, baking spices, white pepper and dried herbs. Round and powdery in texture, with ripe dark fruit and lush, melted tannins.*

*Very long and appetizing. It's marked by great length and ultra-ripe tannins.*

*Approachable already, but this will gain complexity in the next two to four years.*

### THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER - 94 POINTS

*Medium-bodied, with notes of espresso, oceanic influences, flowers, spice, and cherries in the aromas. Fresh, and lifted, with layers of refined, elegant, black and red pit fruits, silky tannins, and a touch of chalk in the refined finish. You can enjoy this with just a year, or two of aging. Drink from 2026-2042.*

### THE WINE SPECTATOR - 92 POINTS

*Juicy and fresh in feel, with blackberry and black cherry paste notes enlivened by black tea, alder and warm earth streaks. A bay echo chimes in on the finish. Merlot and Cabernet Franc.*

*Drink now through 2038. Published on January 6, 2025 - James Molesworth*

### VINOUS - (92-94) POINTS

*It is compelling right out of the gate. Succulent dark red cherry fruit, spice, cloves, menthol and licorice all race across the palate. Medium in body and wonderfully energetic Rouget is a winner. I especially like how it marries fruit richness and vibrancy, one of the signatures of the best wines in this vintage.*

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