

2023 CHÂTEAU TROTANOY

100% MERLOT - POMEROL

Château Trotanoy *is a legendary Pomerol estate, owned by the Moueix family, often considered a "**Baby Pétrus**" or close sibling to the ultra-famous **Château Pétrus** because they share the same terroir (the famed Pomerol plateau, with its distinctive clay/iron-rich soil).*
*In essence, calling Trotanoy a **"Baby Pétrus"** highlights its shared pedigree, terroir, and quality level, making it a top-tier Pomerol in its own right at a much more affordable price!*

JEAN-PIERRE MOUEIX GRANDS VINS



Vineyard size: 17.8 acres **Avg age:** 35 years **Soil Types**: Gravel on clay and black clay on iron pan

Viticulture: Certified HVE 3 « Culture raisonnée » Soil tilling (4 ways) Vine growth management adapted to the climatic conditions.

Harvest: Manual harvest. Double sorting: manual and optical Harvest dates: September 7th to 19th 2023

Winemaking: In thermo-regulated concrete and stainless-steel vats. Gentle & controlled maceration & extraction

Aging: 16-18 months in French oak barrels (50% new)

2023 Vintage:



After a generally mild and dry winter, punctuated by a few cold spells, the first leaves appeared on the vines on the 29th of March, which falls in line with the past ten years. A homogenous budbreak augured favorably for a promising harvest. In April and May, stormy instability combined with above average seasonal temperatures increased the mildew pressure. However, thanks to the exemplary rapid response of our vineyard teams, these attacks were adeptly countered, saving our entire crop. Flowering started early on the 23rd of May, with large quantities of pollen suggesting a harvest of remarkable amplitude. The summer was unpredictable, with episodes in June of intense storms and high temperatures that were 3°C above the seasonal average. July was relatively cool, with light but frequent rainfall. The vines maintained their lead and véraison got under way, with the first coloured berries appearing on the 17th of July. Green harvesting and meticulous grooming significantly reduced yields to foster ripening and uniformity of the crop. August got off to a fairly cool start before tipping over to an intense heatwave from the 16th to the 24th, followed by a sudden drop in temperature. Hours of sunshine were below expectations, departing from the sunny character of recent vintages. In September, a heat wave struck again until the 11th, giving way to light rainfall, which encouraged full ripening.

JAMES SUCKLING - 98 POINTS
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The depth and complexity are wonderful, with blackberry, blueberry, dried flower, bark, violet and black olive aromas. Full-bodied with a deep palate of dark fruit and a hint of dark chocolate. It's full-bodied but very tight, framed beautifully with firm and open-grained tannins that go on and on. Chewy and lightly salty at the end. 100% merlot. Needs time to soften. Best after 2029.

VINOUS - 97 POINTS

The 2023 Trotanoy is one of the most elegant Trotanoys in recent memory. I especially admire its svelte, vertical personality. There's plenty of Trotanoy energy, but the 2023 is not as imposing as most recent vintages have been. Dark red/purplish fruit, rose petal, lavender, mocha and pomegranate all build beautifully with a bit of time in the glass.

WINE SPECTATOR - 96 POINTS - COLLECTIBLES

An ample core of gently warmed cassis and plum reduction gains depth as this airs, while mouthwatering notes of chestnut, alder, red tea and sweet tobacco fill in liberally through the finish. Refined and poised, this seems to pull everything it can from the vintage without looking like it's trying too hard. Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Best from 2028 through 2045.

ALSO: WINE ENTHUSIAST-96 PTS & CELLAR SELECTION
DECANTER-95 PTS, WINE CELLAT INSIDER-97-99 PTS, JED DUNNUCK-95-97 PTS

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