

## THE RENAISSANCE OF CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE POYFERRÉ

When he arrived in 1979, Didier Cuvelier immediately realised the fabulous potential of Léoville Poyferré, thanks to the excellent quality of its 'terroir'. He embarked on an extensive programme of renovation in the vineyard (expanding the surface area, pulling out old or diseased vines and replanting). The work was finished in

the Spring of 1998. But it was the 1982 vintage that marked a turning point in the history of Léoville Poyferré and the begining of a long line of successes.

When asked which vintage he is most proud of, Didier replies «2009, which Robert Parker scored 100/100, but I'm actually proud of them all.»

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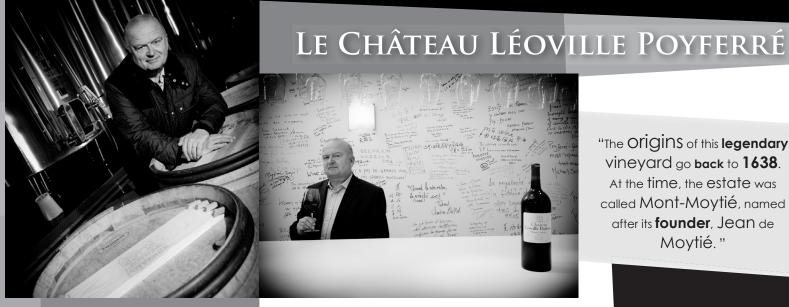
## PORTRAITS D'ACTEURS



Didier Cuvelier
The orchestrator of Leoville
Poyferré's renaissance

## DAVID CUVELIER

"In 1979, at the AGE of 26, Didier took over the running of Châteaux Léoville Poyferré, Moulin Riche and Le Crock - a real challenge!"



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Albert Cuvelier bought Château as a chartered accountant be-

This estate is a second classified growth of 1855 in the Saint-Julien appellation. Its 80 hectares are made up of 65% Cabernet Sauvianon, 25% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc. Château Moulin Riche, with its specific 'terroir' and the estate's second wine, Pavillion de Poyferré complete the range.

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In 1740, the property was bought by Alexandre de Gasa, Lord of Léoville. It was largest wine estate in the Médoc at the time of the French Revolution.

The Marquis de Las Case, who was coheir of the estate, emigrated and his share was sold as a national asset. In 1826, this part of the property was purchased by Hugh Barton and became Château Léoville Barton.

The latter's eldest son, Pierre-Jean, Marshal of France, inherited what is now the vineyard of Château Léoville Las Cases. His daughter Jeanne's share was inherited by her son-in-law, Baron Jean-Marie Poyferré, who added his name to Léoville, thus founding Château Léoville Poyferré.

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