

# CHATEAU D'AIGUILHE

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AOC CASTILLON – COTES DE BORDEAUX

## Vineyard

**Terroir:** Clay-limestone.

**Vineyard area currently in production:** 50 hectares (123,5 acres).

**Grape varieties:** 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc.

**Average age of the vines:** 28 years.

## Winemaking

**Harvesting:** By hand, into small crates to avoid bruising.  
Sorting before and after destemming.  
No crushing. The grapes are put into vats by gravity flow.

**Fermentation:** In temperature-controlled wooden and concrete vats for 25-30 days depending on the vintage.  
Extraction by pneumatic pigeage (punching down the cap).

**Malolactic fermentation and ageing:** In new oak barrels (up to 50%) on fine lees.  
Fining and filtering as necessary, depending on the vintage.

**Duration of barrel ageing:** 15-18 months.

## Sales

Via the Bordeaux wine trade.



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2015 VINTAGE

Harvest dates

23/09 to 08/10/2014

Yield

30 hl/ha

Vatting

In wooden and concrete vats for 30 days. Extraction by pneumatic pigeage (punching down the cap).

Ageing

In new oak barrels (30%) on fine lees.

Blend

85% Merlot  
15% Cabernet Franc



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Revue de Presse / Press Review  
Primeurs 2015

Neil Martin – [erobertparker.com](http://erobertparker.com) – April 2016

**90 - 92**

The 2015 Chateau d'Aiguilhe is a blend of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc, picked between September 23 and October 8 at 30 hectoliters per hectare, and matured in 30% new oak barrels. It has a very ripe and opulent, quite showing bouquet with fig and date-tinged red berry fruit. The palate is very well balanced, a supple ball of red cherry and strawberry fruit, with a touch of Christmas cake and allspice towards the finish; the Cabernet Franc imparts a little edginess, with a saline tincture lingering on the aftertaste. This is a very fine Côtes de Castillon from Comtes Von Neipperg. Drink: 2018 – 2028.

Vinous – April 2016

**88 - 91**

A huge wine, the 2015 d'Aiguilhe is endowed with serious intensity and richness. Waves of dark red fruit, plum, menthol and licorice flesh out in the glass. Hints of white pepper and chalk add an attractive upper register, but in 2015, Aiguilhe is mostly about texture and intensity, both of which it has in spades. Tasted three times. (Antonio Galloni).

Wine Spectator – April 2016

**91 - 94 (Blind tasted)**

Features lush fruit, with creamy-edged plum, raspberry and blackberry flavors that glide along. There's depth here, but this is rounded and fresh in feel, with lovely purity. (James Molesworth).



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René Gabriel – [www.bxtotal.com](http://www.bxtotal.com) – April 2016

17/20

Sattes Purpur-Granat, dicht in der Mitte, lila Schimmer aussen. Deutlich mineralisch, fast nur schwarzbeerig, zeigt sogar gewisse Rauchkonturen, dahinter getrocknete Heidelbeeren. Mir schien er noch nie so tiefgründig. Im Gaumen mit einer gewisse, muskulöse Strenge, die kommt aber von seiner beeindruckenden Konzentration, massive Tannine die nicht nur Spass bereiten in der Jugend, dafür hat er aber eine markante Reserve. In 10 Jahren ein überaus spannender Castillon. 2024 – 2037

Decanter – April 2016

91

Ripe, fragrant aromatics. Power but opulence and finesse as well. Fine, fresh grain of tannin and a persistent finish. One of the best yet from this Von Neipperg-owned (Canon-la-Gaffelière) estate. Drink: 2021-2030. (James Lawther MW)

Bettane & Desseauve – Avril 2016

16.5/20

Belle fraîcheur fruits rouges, grande élégance svelte et racée, caractère très élancé, pas de lourdeur alcoolique, allonge fine, distinction brillante avec une superbe précision aromatique.



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