

# DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER

## ROUGE PRIMEUR 2016

### REVUE DE PRESSE

- **James SUCKLING :**

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER PESSAC-LÉOGNAN 2016 Score **96-97**

A dense and tight DC with mineral, crushed stone, cement and black currant. Full, tight and racy. Gorgeous. Leafs and tobacco undertones. Very tannic. Tight and so structured. Complex.

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- **WINE SPECTATOR**

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER Pessac-Léognan Red 2016 Score: **93-96**

Intense raspberry and boysenberry fruit drives along, flecked with anise hints and scored with roasted apple wood details. A touch toothy on the finish, with a loamy note, but the fruit takes an encore, which is a great sign for the future.—*J.M.*

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- **Jean-Marc QUARIN**

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE 2016 **18/20** **96/100**

Le meilleur jamais fait. Couleur sombre, intense et pourpre. Nez aromatique, subtil et complexe, avec pour la première fois une dimension plus crémeuse. Subtil et complexe. En bouche, c'est le Domaine de Chevalier à la texture la plus raffinée que je connaisse. Il fond au palais et après le milieu le vin se mêle à la salive complexe et profond dans une grande finale séveuse et noble. Beaucoup de précision et de charme. Bravo !

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- **Wine Advocate – Neal MARTIN**

The 2016 Domaine de Chevalier is a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot picked between 4-21 October at 45 hectoliters per hectare, and matured in 35% new oak. Oh yes! This is a perfumed bouquet that unfolds beautifully in the glass with blackberry, cedar, smoke and a light marine influence, not unlike Japanese nori. The palate is medium-bodied with such fine tannins that it bought to mind Burgundy rather than Bordeaux. There is a grainy texture here, quite saline in the mouth with an entrancing sense of symmetry, very classic but not austere on the finish, with a long and saline aftertaste. This is an outstanding Domaine de Chevalier from the busiest man in Bordeaux, Oliver Bernard. Tasted twice with consistent notes. Rating **94-96**

Drink date : 2025-2060

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- **Jancis ROBINSON**

DOM DE CHEVALIER 2016 Red **17 ++**

Concentrated and luscious. Real life and savour on the (at the moment slightly inky) end. One of the most youthful samples I encountered. Dry sandpaper end but perhaps it's a more honest sample than most?

Drink 2028-2048

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- **Markus del MONEGO M.W.**

**DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER 2016, RED 95**

Dard purple red with violet hue and black core. Elegant nose with aromatic character, fine fruit, blackcurrants, elderberries and hints of blackberries, mild spices, vanilla, discreet toasting aroma, quite complex. On the palate, sweet fruit, firm but ripe tannins, aromatic spiciness and hints of dark chocolate, convincing length. 95

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- **Jeff LEVE**

**2016 DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE**– Silky tannins, sweet, ripe, elegant, polished, and refined, this is a top vintage for Domaine de Chevalier. The tobacco, dark, red berries and spice are really shining this year. The wine has that elusive quality of freshness, length, purity and character. This will age quite nicely for decades. The wine was produced from a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon , 30% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot . The fruit was picked from October 4 to October 21. **96 – 98**

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- **Roger VOSS – Wine Enthusiast**

**DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE 2016 97**

**96–98.** Barrel Sample. Mint aromas and flavors signal the new wood in which this wine is aging. It has impressive fruit, opulent and dense, balanced by fine acidity, crisp edges and solid tannins. A serious wine that will last for a long time.

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- **DECANTER – Jane ANSON**

**DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE 2016 96**

Rich, round and beautiful, there really is distance between red and white this year. This has all the signature welcome and power of the very best vintages of Domaine de Chevalier, one of the 'clue' châteaux you should follow to track the quality of reds and whites in Bordeaux in any given vintage. Here you see that 2016 hits it out of the park with the reds. Rich damson, deep black cherry, slate, wet stones and curls of cold ash - this has beautiful complexity and texture. Stunning.

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- **REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE – (Ph. Maurange)**

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE 2016

Son terroir plus frais a préservé de splendides saveurs de fruits. Les cabernets lui confèrent profondeur et longueur.

**19-20/20**

D'une superbe couleur, le vin affiche une grande structure de tanins, avec une expression incroyable du raisin par son croquant et la fermeté classique de la finale. Le niveau tannique est aussi élevé qu'en 2010. La matière généreuse est portée par les cabernets, la signature de Chevalier en 2016.

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- **Antonio GALLONI – VINOUS**

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE 2016

**93-96** The 2016 Domaine de Chevalier is a wine of total precision and class. Today, the flavors are remarkably primary, while the tannins, unusually, are totally buried by the fruit. It will be many years before the 2016 is ready to show all of its cards, but it is a brilliant wine in the making. Dark red cherry, blood orange, mint, white pepper and rose petal infuse the strikingly delineated, vibrant finish.

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- **Chris KISSACK – The WINE DOCTOR**

**DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER 2016 RED:** Although Olivier Bernard and his team now have a hand in a number of increasingly successful Pessac-Léognan estates, this is the 'original' Bernard wine. The assemblage in 2016 is 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, picked October 13th to the 21st, 30% Merlot, picked October 4th to the 12th, and 5% Petit Verdot, picked October 10th to the 12th. The yield was 48 hl/ha, and the alcohol is declared as 13.5%. A very impressive nose, fresh and very aromatic, filled with readily expressed violets and ripe sweet plums, wonderfully pure, fresh and bright, with a creamed fruit intensity. The palate shows a very polished, creamed plum character, the sweet fruit mixed with notes of black bean, olive and violets, underpinned by a wonderful bed of ripe tannins, unobtrusive but wrapped tenderly around the fruit, and a delicate acid lift. A delicious, charming style in this barrel sample, with super potential. The wine of Domaine de Chevalier has shown brilliantly at the primeurs in several recent vintages, and in 2016 it seems that this trend has been continued. **17.5-18.5/20 • 95-97/100**

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- **TERRE de VINS :**

**DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE 2016** C'est un jus de raisin pur offrant des touches fumées et une explosion de fruits. Tout en assurant une structure tannique bien prononcée, travaillée avec classe et douceur. Un style brut et efficace, avec beaucoup de délicatesse. De longues années devant lui. **18,5/20**

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- **Le FIGARO :**

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE 2016

**18.5/20**

Fruits rouges frais, Zan, floral. Vin gourmand, fruité, ample, tannins très ronds.

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- **BETTANE & DESSEAUVÉ**

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER, ROUGE 2016

**96-97/100**

Grande robe, corps complet, tannin racé, entre le cèdre et la violette, magnifique expression de ce terroir froid mais si expressif dans ce type d'année.

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- **Le POINT – Jacques DUPONT**

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE : **96**

Note boisée, fruits rouges bien mûrs, beaucoup de fraîcheur, serré, tanins fermes, un peu racinaire, profond, bien bâti avec beaucoup de finesse.

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- **Izak LITWAR GreatBordeauxWines.com**

2016 DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER – delicate and noble, almost seamless, sheer elegance and finesse, great complexity and long finish. **94-95p.**

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**Gault & Millau (Y. Castaing)**

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Floral, cassis, épices aussi pour un nez complexe et gourmand. Bouche juteuse et puissante, du volume, de la matière, une grosse charge tannique que le terroir de sables restreint un peu avec de la fraîcheur. - **17/18,5**

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**Bernard BURTSCHY**

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER ROUGE

**18,5**

La robe est sombre avec un nez fumé et les belles notes de cèdre habituelles. Le vin est dense, élégant avec beaucoup de fraîcheur, l'ensemble est d'une belle persistance. Il ne possède pas tout à fait la densité du 2015, mais sa fraîcheur fait merveille avec une belle finale épanouie, il est plus long et possède plus de classe. Il a été élaboré avec 65 % de cabernet-sauvignon, 30 % de merlot et 5 % de petit-verdot.