

CHATEAU BERLIQUET 2016

SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE



Famille Patrick de Lesquen

“This is a really powerful red with fantastic density and richness. Silky and chewy tannins. Lots of chalky, crushed limestone character. Impressive. Let’s see what is better: the 2016 or 2015.”

95-96, James Suckling, Avril 2017

“Enticing, with plum cake and raspberry preserve flavors that sport a lush edge, while anise and melted licorice fill in. Almost too easy in feel, but there is sneaky buried minerality and an echo of spice fueling the finish.”

92-95, James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, Avril 2017

“The 2016 Berliquet, 25% Cabernet Franc and 75% Merlot, is the third vintage that has seen more emphasis on Cabernet Franc. It has an attractive bouquet with black cherries, a touch of crème de cassis and incense aromas, quite generous and pretty. The oak is nicely integrated here. The palate is medium-bodied with succulent ripe tannin that exert a gentle but insistent grip in the mouth. There is a lovely saline seam in the mouth with a little chalkiness coming through on the aftertaste. This is a strong follow-up to the 2015 Berliquet, and the substance suggests that it will age well in bottle.”

91-93, Neal Martin, Robert Parker, Avril 2017

“The 2016 Berliquet is plump, juicy Saint-Émilion that will drink well with minimal cellaring. Black cherry, plum, chocolate, spice and new leather are all pushed forward. The natural richness and concentration of the vintage comes through in the wine's intense ripeness and tannin profile. It will be interesting to see if the 2016 softens over time. Today, the tannins are a bit coarse and rough around the edges. The blend is 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc. The relatively high percentage of Franc might explain the wine's showing today. Tasted two times.”

88-90, Antonio Galloni, Vinous, Avril 2017

“Sweet and fragrant. Then some savoury notes. Really quite interesting! Good combo of freshness and ripeness. Doesn’t stand out from the crowd but at least it's not distinctive for a bad reason... Drink 2023-2037”

16,5+, Jancis Robinson, Avril 2017

“Barrel Sample. Packed with spice, blackberry and black plum, this is generous, yet balanced by refined acidity and dense tannins that will give it a chance to age over the medium term. It is an apt and attractive reflection of the vintage.”

91-93, Wine Enthusiast, Avril 2017

“Le meilleur jamais fait avec le 2015 et le 2010 ! Couleur sombre, intense, belle. Nez intense, fin, fruité et mûr. Bouche délicieuse, au corps charnu, avec beaucoup d’éclat dans la saveur. Profil allongé et particulièrement plaisant. Longue finale savoureuse, à la tannicité un brin apparente. Assemblage : 75 % merlot, 25 % cabernet franc.”

17 – 94, Jean-Marc Quarin, Avril 2017

“Fraîcheur et rondeur, harmonieux, finale un rien limitée.”

92, Bettane & Desseauve, Avril 2017

“Fruits noirs harmonieux. Pointe de menthol. Suave et presque sapide, des tanins structurants pour une finale sur l'allonge.”

16/17, Yohan Castaing, Anthocyane, Avril 2017

“Nez de fruits noirs. Bouche ample, gourmande, tannins élégants, belle allonge, pointe saline.”

16,5, Frédéric Durand-Bazin, Figaro Vin, Avril 2017

“Berliquet gagne en profondeur, bien calé sur un socle de tanins dynamiques ; plus fort, ce millésime conserve toute la finesse qui le caractérisait l'an passé.”

16,5-17, La Revue du Vin de France, Avril 2017

“Pourpre violacé. Bouquet filigrane et complexe. Notes de baies rouges et d’épices. Framboise, cannelle et chocolat noir. Attaque élégante, fruitée et friande. Le vin est équilibré et doté de tannins granuleux qui assurent bien les arrières. Tout comme l’attaque, la finale est fruitée et rafraîchissante. Un vin élégant, marqué par la fraîcheur et le fruit.”

93-94, Yves Beck, Avril 2017

“Fruits noirs, belle harmonie de fruits. Une pointe menthol. Suave, presque sapide, des tanins bâtisseurs, de la densité et une superbe allonge.”

16-17, Gault & Millau, Avril 2017

“Lilies and juicy plum scents are followed by a lushly textured, polished, sweet, fresh earthy mix of dark red pit fruits. The freshness and fruit really linger. It is going to be fun to compare the 2015 and 2016 Berliquet — both strong years. I lean to the latter year, but I cannot decide which vintage is better. This wine was made from blend of 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc, reaching 14.3% alcohol with a pH of 3.5.”

92 – 94, Jeff Leve, The Wine Cellar insider, Avril 2017

“One of several wines made with advice from Nicolas Thienpont and shown at Pavie-Macquin, this is a finished blend comprising 75% Merlot, picked October 5th, 10th, 11th, 14th and 18th, and 25% Cabernet Franc, picked October 18th and 19th. The yield was 48 hl/ha, from 7.5 hectares of vines in production. The fruit was vinified in three cement and ten stainless steel vats. Analyses show it to have 14.4% alcohol and a pH of 3.50. This is pretty in terms of aromatics, with creamed red cherry fruit, along with a little toast and charcoal, altogether a very perfumed style. The palate follows the perfumed delicacy and appeal of the nose with a fresh, polished, pretty and fragrant facade, elegant and showing great purity and definition. Beautifully poised, fresh, with ripe and lightly roasted dark cherry and blackcurrant fruits, in a very supple, sinewy, acid-framed and bright body. The finish is no less tense, and it is fairly long too. Very good.”

16.5-17.5- 93-95, Chris Kissak, The Wine Doctor, Avril 2017