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VINTAGE 2016



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# CHÂTEAU PAPE CLÉMENT



## *History*

More than just a benchmark, it is an icon.

Since 1252, on the same great terroir, blended and aged, this exceptional great white wine which, vintage after vintage, charms lovers of very great wines.

Pape Clément is today as before recognised as one of those nectars, one of those legendary and iconic wines, which in itself embodies the magic of a terroir. And the soul of the ancestral know-how of the grower.

## *Some characteristics*

- An exclusive, rare, sought-after wine
- A great white Bordeaux, the signature of a terroir and a unique expertise
- One of the oldest châteaux in Bordeaux
- An environmentally friendly approach for a better expression of the terroir
- An exceptional wine, praised by top international tasters
- The chance to live a unique experience within a classed growth





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## *Vintage 2016*

### **- The vineyard cycle**

The winter of 2015-2016 was marked by exceptionally mild temperatures (+2°C compared with the average between 1 November and 28 February) and extremely heavy rainfall from January to March (539mm as against the average of 224mm).

The humid conditions of winter carried on into spring, but in a context that was distinctly cooler than usual. For this reason, the vine kept falling behind until the end of June.

Though days without rain between 15 May and 15 June were extremely rare, the flowering miraculously took place during a window of a few sunny and rather hot days.

It was as from 20 June that conditions changed radically and got closer to seasonal averages. By the end of July, the water balance already showed a clear deficit.

The summer temperatures, close to the multi-year averages, and the water deficit did not however compensate for the delay built up in the spring. While the few millimetres of rain on 13 September improved ripening, the high temperatures associated with large thermal amplitudes ensured exceptional grapes.

### **- Harvest**

The reds were harvested between 30 September and 21 October (among the latest dates the château has seen). The most clement climatic conditions and the precision work undertaken during the harvest, allowed us to stagger picking as we wanted.

### **- Blend**

50% Cabernet Sauvignon 50% Merlot



## *Tasting notes*

Deep purple colour, with deep and brilliant reflections. Very expressive on the nose with notes of blackcurrant, blackberry and Morello cherry mixed with notes of liquorice and violet.

Great elegance on the palate, with a fine tannic framework supported by nice freshness, giving a wine of remarkable depth and persistence on the palate. A great wine that will go on for decades.



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## *Notes et récompenses*

### **-Antonio Galloni**

**Score : 96**

*The 2016 Pape Clément exudes class and is one of the raciest, silkiest wines I have ever tasted here. The purity and intensity of the flavors is striking. Dark cherry, chocolate, spice and leather open up first. The full range of aromatics has not developed yet - that will come with time. Today, it is the wine's balance that is most remarkable.*

### **- James Suckling**

**Score : 98**

*This is phenomenal with a density and finesse that are hard to remember for this wine. Full-bodied, tight and polished Seamless texture and salty undertones. Goes on for minutes. Truly great. What a barrel sample.*

### **- James Molesworth - Wine Spectator**

**Score : 97**

*Intense, with vivacious cassis, blueberry and boysenberry confiture notes, while tar, anise and warm fruitcake flavors pulse underneath. Offers seriously flashy toast at the end, but has the density to soak it up. A big wine.*

### **- Neal Martin**

**Score : 97**

*Ruby. Blueberries, vanilla, spices, light floral note nose. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, fruity, dark berries and spices, anise and blueberries, long.*

### **- JM Quarin**

**Score : 19/20 - 98/100**

*The best ever !*

### **- Wine enthusiast**

**Score : 96**

*This is a serious, structured wine with fine tannins as well as acidity. There is a depth of flavor in this elegant wine, with black currant fruit and great structure. A wine for the long haul.*

### **- Christer Byklum - B my Bordeaux**

**Score : 92**

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### **- Jane Anson - Decanter**

**Score : 94**

*Pape Clément retains its customary oak and black fruit impact on the nose in 2016, but without doubt they have sculpted the body. This has thrillingly bright dark berry fruits and a sharp shot of vitality that takes you through from beginning to end. Beautiful touches of minerality on the powerful palate, wrought into an elegant style without losing its texture and sense of depth. This is a step-change in many ways from the vintages where Pape Clément went all-out for power.*

### **- Le Figaro**

**Score : 19,5**

*Une matière somptueuse, une bouche tonique.  
Un grand vin, tout simplement.*

### **- Jeannie Cho Lee - Master of Wine**

**Score : 93**



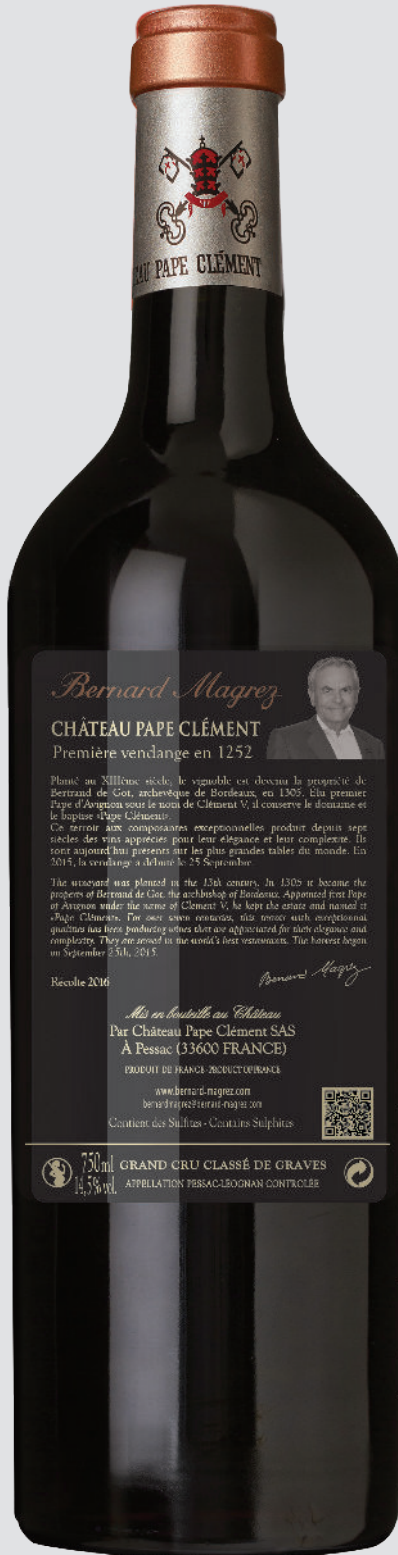
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Presentation





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Première vendange en 1252

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