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Château
Les
Grands Chênes

VINTAGE 2016

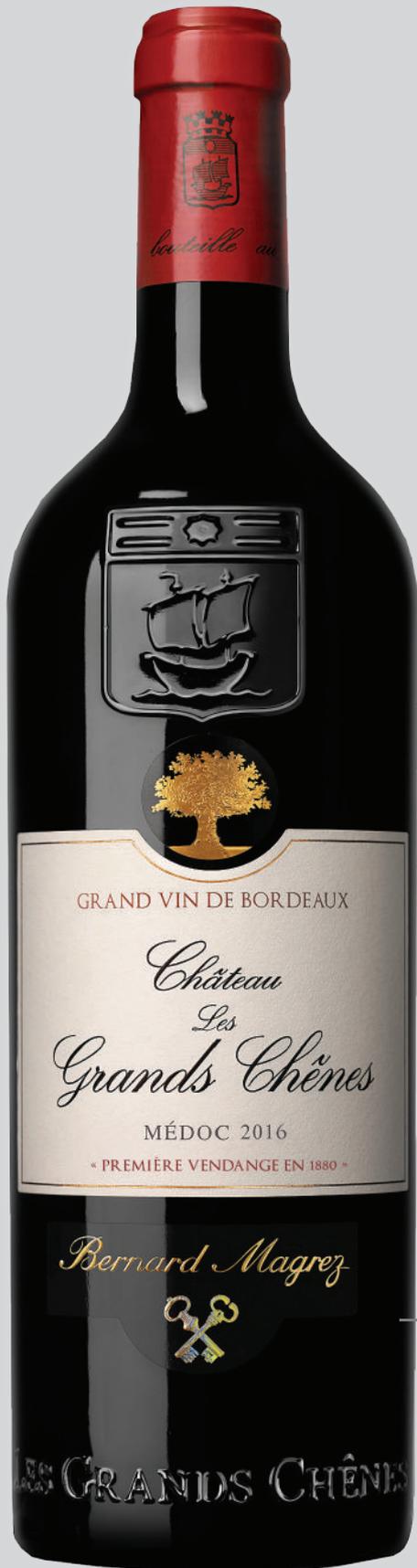


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History

It is in Saint-Christoly-du-Médoc, a town once known for its port which still seems to echo with the sound of barrels being rolled along the quays before setting off for England and other more-distant destinations, that the vines of Château Les Grands Chênes are to be found.

Ideally planted on a fine ridge of Garonne gravel, Château Les Grands Chênes makes the most of this very high quality terroir. Judiciously aged for 16 months according to the traditional method, Château Les Grands Chênes is a great wine for those in the know, a privilege for wine lovers who like to make great discoveries.

Some characteristics

- A Médoc cru bourgeois
- A terroir worthy of the greatest appellations of the Médoc
- An exceptional wine of great complexity
- Known worldwide for its very high quality and for its accessibility
- A great wine, paying homage to a historic region for maritime trade in wine



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2016 Vintage

After a very mild but very rainy winter, the start of spring was cold with very cool nights, but the proximity of the Gironde averted the frost. Such weather does not encourage the start of the growing cycle in the vineyard. Bud burst was widespread by 30 March, but growth was not helped by the still difficult weather.

May and June were closer to normal for the season, and allowed the vine to catch up. On 30 May, the first flowers were observed and flowering took place very evenly from 3 to 15 June, in dry weather. The summer was hot, with extremely low rainfall. The véraison, initially delayed by the drought, “exploded” after the rains of 4 August. By 12 August, véraison was complete. The vines benefited from the magnificent end of season, perfectly irrigated by the fine rain of 13 September. The Merlots were picked between 5 and 18 October, the Cabernets from 18 to 20 October. The grapes were perfectly ripe and very healthy at the time of picking. The harvest was therefore very calm, scarcely disturbed by the upgrading work on the cellars, which was interrupted during picking but re-started during the vinification.

- Blend

60% Merlot

40% Cabernet Sauvignon

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Notes et récompenses

- James Suckling

Score : 92-93

This is very solid with a beautiful core of blackberry, wet-earth and walnut character. Full body and a long and flavorful finish. One of the best in a long time. Better than 2014?

- Christer Byklum - B my Bordeaux

Score : 86-88

Ruby. Herbal notes, blackberries, cassis and vanilla nose. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, fresh, fruity, red berries, leaner.

- Wine enthusiast

Score : 91

This ripe wine is full of great fruit aromas and flavors. The tannins are generous and rich, supported by rounded black-plum and -berry fruits. It should cellar well through the medium term.

- Jeff Leve

Score : 88 - 90

Round and polished with loads of espresso, smoke, ripe fruits and a fleshy finish.

- Jancis Robinson

Score : 15,5

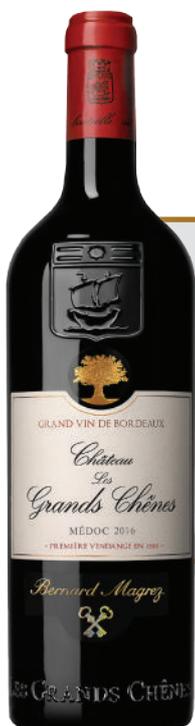
60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon. Scented, reasonably restrained. Thick and just lacks a little bit of freshness. Drying sandy finish.

- Jane Anson - Decanter

Score : 90

Heavily extracted yet well made and carefully thought out. Black fruits are joined by liquorice and smoky bacon tinged oak which dominates the palate but is undeniably appealing. It could let the light in a little more but it has succulence and kerb appeal, and I tasted it several times over primeurs week and always found it enjoyable. h.

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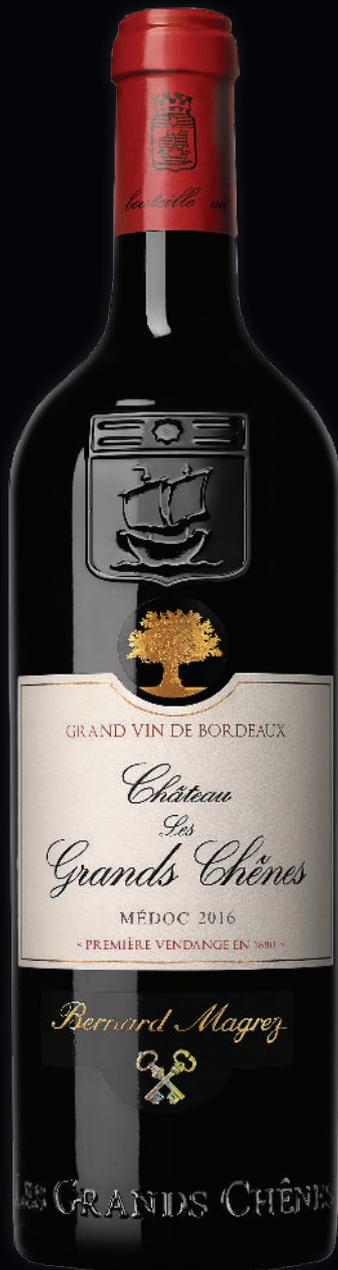
Colour: Very intense garnet.

Nose: Initially very fruity on the nose, supporting very ripe fruit.

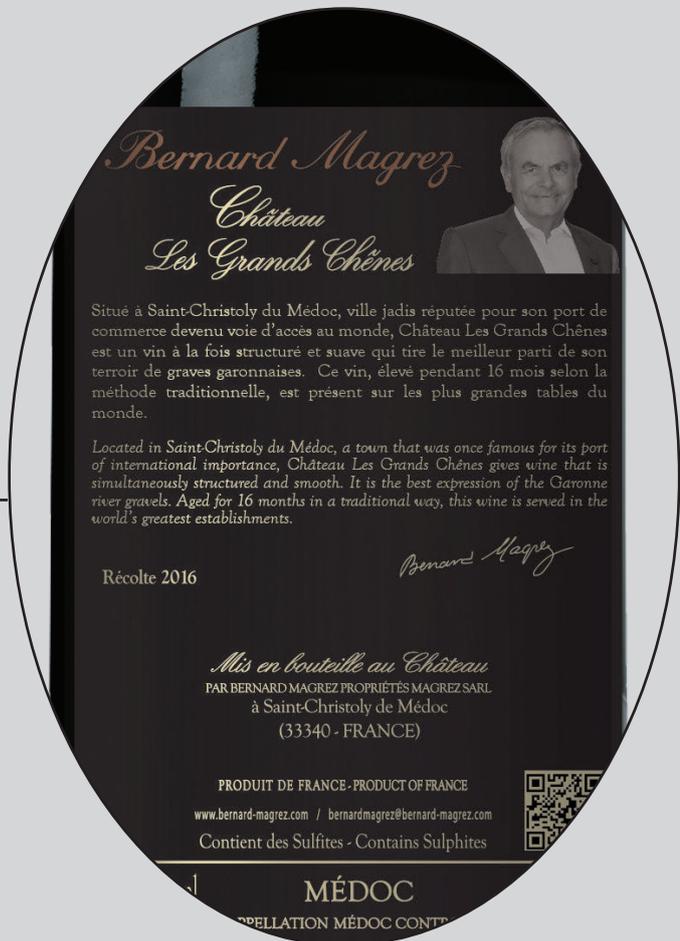
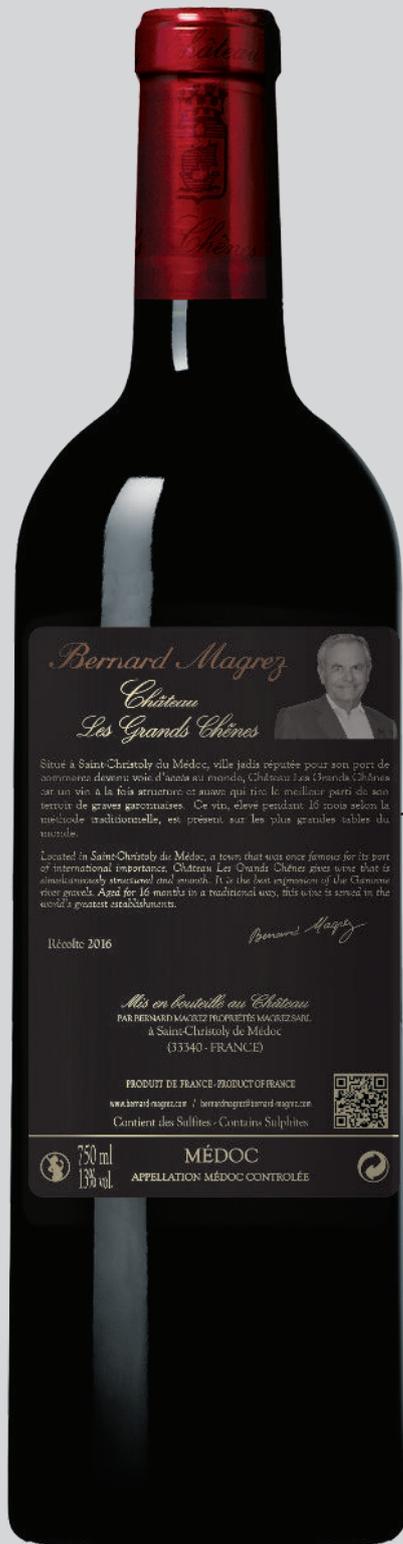
Palate: With a full attack, the palate is well balanced with elegant tannins and a very fine finish.

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Presentation



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Packaging
In wooden cases of 6 or 12 bottles

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«A Medoc anchored in History»



The vineyard of Château Les Grands Chênes is located on the edge of the remains of an ancient fortress from the 16th century.

This fortress is the witness of the historical dynamism in the international business trade of the Médoc region.