

# CHÂTEAU LALANDE-BORIE 2016 PRIMEURS



#### Château Lalande-Borie 2016 Reviews

#### James Molesworth, <u>Wine Spectator</u>

#### « Rock-solid »

#### James Suckling, Jamessuckling.com

« This is very linear and refined with tight-grained tannins... Shows such finesse and beauty. One of best from here in a long time. »

#### Neal Martin, Robertparker.com

« ... fine tannin, very harmonious and cohesive ... very polished and it should give plenty of drinking pleasure for several years. »

Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast

« ... fine, elegant character ... density and power. »

Chris Kissack, The Wine Doctor

« ... pure ... charming fruit ... A deliciously poised and confident style here. Potentially the best wine from this estate I have tasted. »

Jeannie Cho Lee, Jeanniecholee.com

« Lovely nose. Rich, generous with intense flavors. »

Jancis Robinson, Jancisrobinson.com

« Beautiful wine! Really vibrant and rich ... such a charmer! GV »

Jeff Leve, <u>The Wine Cellar Insider</u>

« Juicy, round, polished ... a delicious wine to drink on release or age for a bit ... a fine Bordeaux value wine. »

Jane Anson<u>, Decanter</u> « ... generous fruits and some lovely, deep tannins ... »

Matthew Jukes, Matthewjukes.com

« ... very attractive ... »

Antonio Galloni, <u>Vinous</u>

« ... seductive personality ... »

Yohan Castaing, <u>Gault&Millau</u> « Beaucoup de richesse et de puissance. »



## Château Lalande-Borie 2016 Ratings

| Critics          | Publication             | Rating  |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Roger Voss       | Wine Enthusiast         | 92-94   |
| James Suckling   | Jamessuckling.com       | 92-93   |
| Neal Martin      | The Wine Advocate       | 90-92   |
| Jane Anson       | Decanter                | 90      |
| Jancis Robinson  | Jancisrobinson.com      | 16+     |
| James Molesworth | Wine Spectator          | 91-94   |
| Jeff Leve        | The Wine Cellar Insider | 90-92   |
| Antonio Galloni  | Vinous                  | 90-92   |
| Jeannie Cho Lee  | Jeanniecholee.com       | 89      |
| Matthew Jukes    | Matthewjukes.com        | 16.5+   |
| Tim Atkin        | Timatkin.com            | 92      |
| Yohan Castaing   | Gault et Millau         | 16-17.5 |
| Chris Kissack    | Winedoctor.com          | 92-94   |



### Château Lalande-Borie 2016

#### The Story:

Château Lalande-Borie was created by Jean-Eugène BORIE in 1970. It occupies thirty hectares, of which twenty-five are vineyards, on the western plateau of Saint Julien, alongside some of the greatest classified growths of the appellation.

#### Cellar Master Tasting Notes (March 2017):

<u>Color</u>: dark Garnet <u>Nose</u>: fruity attack, scents of plums and a note of well-integrated wood. <u>Palate</u>: ample and structured, very charming, long finish

From now on, a fully cru with its own identity, very subtle and racy.

#### Meteorology: 2016: A biblical vintage

In this testing year, we first had the Flood (a wet spring with permanent humidity and temperatures distinctly lower than the average), then the Plagues (attacks of excoriose, then the perfidious mildew and finally a burst of oidium), the time in the wilderness (severe drought) and, finally, the arrival in the promised land for the optimum picking, Jerusalem the celestial (the Indian summer suits the vine so well...irrecognisable, generous, haughty).

#### The Blend:

- 55 % Merlot Noir
- 45 % Cabernet-Sauvignon

#### Our Commitment:

The samples tasted during the en-primeur week were taken from the final blend done during the first three months of 2017.

This wine will mature for 12 months in 30% new oak barrels, the remainder in one-year old barrels (12 months). Our barrels are certified French oak, naturally cured in open-air drying parks during a minimum of 3 years.

Regular topping-up is done during the first 6 months of maturation.

The wine is racked through the bung holes every 2 or 3 months and undergoes a total of 4 rackings during its barrel maturation.

Bottling is carried out under sterile conditions with inert gas. The natural corks measure 49mm.



By James Molesworth

#### CHÂTEAU LALANDE-BORIE St.-Julien 2016 Score: 91-94

Rock-solid, with a core of blueberry, blackberry and cassis flavors, lined with slightly tarry grip. Keeps a fresh, driven feel through the incense-fueled finish.-J.M.



# CHÂTEAU LALANDE-BORIE ST.-JULIEN 2016

Friday, March 24, 2017



This is very linear and refined with tight-grained tannins and blackberry and blackcurrant character. Shows such finesse and beauty. One of best from here in a long time.



By Jane Anson

# Château Lalande-Borie, St-Julien, Bordeaux, France, 2016



55% Merlot and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 33% new oak. 3.67pH. This wine is packed with generous fruits and some lovely, deep tannins that are both flexible and fresh. The vines for this wine are 13ha on the western side of the appellation near La Mouline river, made up of sandy soils with extremely fine gravels. Again, this shows that you can find quality and value at every level in St-Julien in 2016.

Drinking Window 2025 - 2038



By Neal Martin

# 2016 Lalande-Borie

#### Rating:

(90 - 92)

The 2016 Lalande-Borie is a blend of 55% Merlot and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, delivering 13.66% alcohol and matured in 30% new oak and the remainder oneyear old. There is something almost clinical about the nose, very pure, no frills (at the moment), hints of crushed violet emerging with time. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, very harmonious and cohesive, citrus-like freshness from start to finish with a long and velvety blueberry and blackberry finish. This is very polished and it should give plenty of drinking pleasure for several years.



## Château Lalande-Borie 2016 Barrel Sample (Saint-Julien)



92–94. Barrel Sample. The wine has a fine, elegant character while at the same time density and power. It is ripe, full of acidity and pure black-currant fruitiness. The wine has dusty tannins, never tough, with fine fruit. For long-term aging.



#### 2016 Chateau Lalande-Borie

#### 89 points

Lovely nose of fresh red currant, plums and cocoa. Rich, generous red with intense, focused flavors that are supported by firm, velvety tannins. There is great power and density in this vintage with mostly upfront flavors. The alcohol is 13.6% and is a blend of 55% Merlot and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon; aged in barriques for 12 months of which 30% is new.



By Jeff Leve

2016 Lalande-Borie – Smoky plum and chocolate aromatics make it fun to go nose to nose with this wine. Juicy, round, polished fruits and sweetness, silky tannins and an open personality make this a delicious wine to drink on release or age for a bit. Soft textures and a blast of chocolate with loads of plum and cherry in the endnote make this a fine Bordeaux value wine. 90 – 92 Pts





## Ch Lalande Borie 2016 St-Julien

55% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon. 30% new oak. Rich and very lively on the nose. Real freshness and raciness. Beautiful wine! Really vibrant and rich. But with masses of energy. Just very slightly dry on the end. But such a charmer! **GV** 13.66%

Drink 2021-2030



# matthew**jukes**

THE BORDEAUX REPORT

2016 EN PRIMEUR

#### Château Lalande-Borie (Saint-Julien - from the Ducru-Beaucaillou portfolio)

(55 Merlot, 45 Cabernet Sauvignon) | 30% new oak | 13.7% alc. 77 IPT

Marked by slightly sappy oak, this is a full wine with good density and a dark hue. There is some concentration and depth and also a wild side here which is very attractive, particularly at this price. There is some good Italian spice here which is fascinating and I can only put this down to the heat in mid-summer. **16.5**+



#### Château Lalande-Borie - Saint-Julien - 2016

Nez riche, complexe avec des fruits noirs, des épices. Beaucoup de fraicheur, charnu, juteux avec des notes de myrtille en finale. Beaucoup de richesse et de puissance. Il y a du monde... - **16/17,5** 



**Château Lalande-Borie (St Julien) 2016:** The barrel sample presented was the final blend, and like all the Borie wines in St Julien it has seen optical sorting, stainless steel fermentation and then oak, in this case using 30% new wood and the rest all second-fill barrels. The *assemblage* is 55% Merlot and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon. The yield across all three Borie St Julien *terroirs* was 36-37 hl/ha. A charming nose here, full of plum cream and smoky olive. The palate is fresh, pure, convincing, with dusty yet charming fruit, dark with black plums and olive cream, with ripe tannins beneath, and fresh acidity. A deliciously poised and confident style here. Potentially the best wine from this estate I have tasted. From my Bordeaux 2016 *primeurs* assessment. 16-17/20 • 92-94/100 (April 2017)



Lalande-<br/>BorieThe 2016 Lalande-Borie is plump, juicy and forward. Sweet<br/>tobacco, grilled herbs, menthol, black cherry and earthy notes<br/>give the 2016 its distinct savory profile. This midweight,<br/>attractive Saint-Julien will drink well with minimal cellaring.<br/>The significant presence of Merlot gives the wine its fleshy,<br/>seductive personality. Tasted two times.

Antonio

Galloni

(90-92)