



Primeurs 2016

WINE ADVOCATE –NEAL MARTIN - APRIL 2017

CHATEAU LAGRANGE 2016

94 - 96: The 2016 Lagrange is a blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot and 6% Petit Verdot that is matured in 50% new oak. The yield came in at 46.5 hectoliters per hectare, lower than in 2015. It has a very well defined bouquet with intense black cherry, red plum, touches of cedar and with continued aeration, a hint of blueberry. It certainly is one of the most expressive Lagrange that I have tasted (and I write that having tasted them all back to the early 1980s). The palate is extremely well balanced with tensile tannin, vibrant and animated with blackberry, crème de cassis, a hint of orange zest. This is a great Lagrange, one that almost "zings" around the senses, barely able to contain the energy. A superior Lagrange to the 2015, this may well rank as the finest produced.

LES FIEFS DE LAGRANGE 2016

90 - 92: The 2016 Les Fiefs de Lagrange, which actually comes from 35 years old vines nowadays, is a blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot and 4% Petit Verdot and matured in 20% new oak. It has a very intense bouquet, especially for a Deuxième Vin, with pure black cherry, crème de cassis and crushed violets. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp acidity, quite tensile in the mouth and full of joie de vivre. You cannot really go wrong with Les Fiefs, and I bet it will be a great value once released.

WINE SPECTATOR - JAMES MOLESWORTH - AVRIL 2017:

CHATEAU LAGRANGE 2016

92 - 95: This has some serious grip along the edges, with graphite and iron notes working together to support the core of cassis, blackberry and acai fruit flavors. The long finish has the pure, fresh character of the vintage.

JAMES SUCKLING - APRIL 2017

CHATEAU LAGRANGE 2016

95 - 96: Powerful red with a rich and tannic center palate. Full body, lots of depth and a long and chewy finish. Indeed, this shows potential. Much better than the 2015.

LES FIEFS DE LAGRANGE 2016:

92 - 93: Solid core of juicy fruit here with currant and stone character. Medium to full body, firm tannins and a bright finish. Second wine of Lagrange.

DECANTER - JANE ANSON - APRIL 2017

CHATEAU LAGRANGE 2016

95 : 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot. Château Lagrange is at 50% grand vin in 2016, which is its highest since the Suntory group became owners in 1983. They say that until now the percentage of Fiefs de Lagrange has always been higher, but in 2016 many plots planted in 1985 reached maturity. Together with the exceptional quality of the vintage and the intra-plot selection, this means more top quality wine destined for the grand vin. There is lovely concentration in this wine, with spicy pepper and cinnamon notes coming to the fore before the blackcurrant takes over on the mid-palate. 2016 was the longest harvest ever, according to the technical director Matthieu Bordes, right through to 24th October. No doubt this is a fantastic Lagrange, to be savored.

WINE ENTHUSIAST - APRIL 2017

Château Lagrange 2016

93 - 95: This wine is ripe and balanced. The acidity and blackberry fruit are as much upfront as the tannins, promising a wine that will be finely balanced with time. The wine will age well over the long term, and should be held until 2028.

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER - JEFF LEVE - APRIL 2017

CHATEAU LAGRANGE 2016

92 - 94: A Truman Capote in Cold Blood kind of red, Zoe Saldana rolling the tobacco leaf, a bowl of dark red fruits with a few perfect stems of crunchy black currants. There is a freshness to the fruit and ripeness to the tannins that make this vintage a celebrity. The wine has crunch and zest and the finish offers a nice bite of tang and temptation.

MARKUS DEL MONEGO - APRIL 2017

Château Lagrange 2016

94 - Dark purple red with violet hue, and black core. Excellent nose with multi-layered character. Eldeberries and hints of mulberries, hints of vanilla and elegant toasting aroma. On the palate, ripe and silky tannins, elegant but expressive fruit, juicy finish, excellent mouthfeel. 94 /100

1000 PLATEAUX – LE BLOG DE JACQUES PERRIN – MAI 2017

Château Lagrange 2016

94 – Révélation du millésime.

Christer BYKLUM – April 2017

Château Lagrange 2016

94 - Ruby. Blackberries, fruity, anise, violets, cassis nose. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, fresh, fruity, detailed, red fruits, blackberries, spices, lovely purity, long. Might be the best Lagrange ever made.

BETTANE & DESSEAUVE – April 2017

Château Lagrange 2016

95 - 96 : Puissant, très sérieusement construit, encore un peu tendu...

AVIS DU VIN LE FIGARO – FREDERIC DURAND-BAZIN – MAI 2017

Château Lagrange 2016

18,5 - Fruits rouges intenses, ronce, Zan, cerise noire. Bouche fraîche, élégante, beaucoup de pep's, tannins souples, belle matière, superbe allonge. Joli.

TERRE DE VINS - Mai 2017

Château Lagrange 2016: Coup de Cœur, 17,5

Le nez est très fin, affriolant, balançant entre les baies et de légères notes d'eucalyptus et de tabac. La bouche est autant séduisante, des tannins riches, explosifs, qui conduisent tel un tube sur le palais. Une leçon d'équilibriste et, à fortiori de garde.

Un Millésime à la signature classique et moderne »

A la tête du 3ème Grand Cru Classé de Saint-Julien, Matthieu Bordes est ébloui par cet inédit millésime aux très beaux cabernets sauvignons, entrant à 70 % dans l'assemblage du grand vin. « Sur les cabernets, comme sur les autres cépages, en 2016, le poids des baies était le plus petit qu'on ait eu de tous les temps. Les raisins étaient excessivement concentrés avec des peaux très épaisses, riches en polyphénols. Des caractéristiques qui ont induit un millésime classique et moderne. [...] des vins concentrés, mûrs mais très soyeux à la fois. [...] Les 2016 ont la puissance et des tannins très enrobés, une accessibilité, une buvabilité plus précoce. Ce n'est pas non plus un millésime « old school » comme par exemple 1996, grand millésime des années 90, qui, quand on le goûte aujourd'hui a une fraîcheur parfois un peu végétale. En 2016, il y a de l'acidité, de la fraîcheur, mais aussi beaucoup de rondeur et de maturité [...] .Ca sent le cassis, c'est poivré, la cerise, réglissé, c'est très joli. Sur les trente dernières années, on est dans le top 2 ou 3 des millésimes ».

LE POINT – JACQUES DUPONT – MAI 2017

Château Lagrange 2016

17 - Bouche vive, élégante. Très juteux, joli vin droit, sérieux

WEINWISSER – MAI 2017

Château Lagrange 2016 - 18