



2016

Château Ferrière

Margaux - 3rd Classified Growth in 1855



Owner

Claire VILLARS LURTON

Winemaking consultant

Eric BOISSENOT

Surface of the vineyard

20 hectares certified organic

Soil

Deep gravels on limestone subsoil

Plantation

51 % cabernet sauvignon, 41 % merlot,
2 % cabernet franc and 6 % petit verdot

Average age of the vineyard

45 years old

Winemaking

Traditional in concrete and wooden
vats. Plot selection

Blending

67% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot and
3% petit verdot

Ageing

40 % of new oak barrels, during 18 months

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VINTAGE 2016

The winter beat all the records in terms of rainfalls and it was one of the warmest one never recorded. The climatic incidents were many and made the vintage particularly difficult for the wine growers. We knew frost and a long pressure of the mildew till the end of June. This pressure was very complicated to manage in biodynamic farming but thanks to our attention we managed to limit the disease. In summer, an inverse trend is observed in July, indeed we had the driest summer of the decade. And in August till mid-September, the temperatures were above the averages. We notice that the water deficit strengthened the accumulation of anthocyanins in the berries and the warm temperatures favored the accumulation of sugar. And finally, the drop of the temperatures in mid-September allowed to protect the aromatic quality of the berries and to increase the ripening and the extraction of the tannins.

To conclude, after a complicated beginning, the hot and dry Summer conditions and the coolness of the late season allowed the berries to ripe in the best conditions and to produce a very balanced wine, rich in color and tannins.

The harvests began on September 25th and ended on October 17th, 2016.

TASTINGS NOTES

James Suckling - 93/94 « Tangy and fruity with spice and berry character. Full body, chewy tannins and a tight finish. This will fill out nicely in barrel. From biodynamic grapes.

Decanter - 92

Bettane & Desseuve - 17 / 17,5

Wine Enthusiast - 93 / 95

Weinwisser - 18

Neal Martin - 92 / 94

Jancis Robinson - 17

