

**Owner**

Claire VILLARS LURTON

**Winemaking consultant**

Eric BOISSENOT

**Surface of the vineyard**

10 hectares

Certified Organic

In conversion on biodynamic farming

**Soil**

Deep gravels and sand on limestone subsoil

**Average age of the vineyard**

35 years old

**Winemaking**

Traditional in concrete vats. Plot selection

**Maceration on skins**

24 days

**Blending**

52% cabernet sauvignon, 45% merlot, 3% petit verdot

**Ageing**

20 % in new oak barrels, during 12 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. We could expect a beautiful potential of the vintage in terms of yield. In summer, an inverse trend is observed in July, which was very dry. 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.

## TASTING SCORES

**Vinous - 87 /90** - The 2016 La Gurgue is absolutely delicious. Scents of sweet tobacco, herbs, licorice and new leather lend aromatic intrigue, but it is the wine's overall balance that stands out most. Deep and layered in the glass, but with terrific energy and freshness, the 2016 hits all the right notes, although it is perhaps just a touch compact. This is a strong showing.

**Jancis Robinson - 16,5****James Suckling - 93 /94****Neal Martin - 87 /89****Wine Spectator - 86 / 89****Antonio Galloni - 87 / 90****Bettane - 14,5****Weinwisser - 17**