

CHÂTEAU LA LOUVIÈRE

Château La Louvière Red 2016

AOC Pessac-Léognan, Bordeaux, France



PRESENTATION

Château La Louvière has many fascinating facets. The sumptuous architecture of the château building dates from the late 18th century, but winegrowing here goes back more than 700 years. The first vines were planted circa 1310, although modern winemaking dates from the 17th century and was handed down by able monks from the Carthusian monastery in Bordeaux, who had acquired considerable talent as viticulturists and winemakers. The people who produce the wine in the 21st century have inherited these time-honoured methods, adding just the right amount of innovation and modernity to make the utmost of the outstanding terroir. La Louvière's red wine has a dark colour and an elegant bouquet with delicate hints of oak...

THE VINTAGE

WEATHER CONDITIONS

2016 was one of the finest vintages in the past 20 years. Winter was exceptionally wet and mild, and it rained a great deal in spring until June. However, the weather changed radically in mid-June, turning warm and quite dry, with cool nights. Ideal conditions for growing excellent wine grapes!

HARVEST

26/09/2016

THE WINE

VARIETALS

Merlot 60%, Cabernet sauvignon 40%

ALCOHOL CONTENT

13 % vol.

TASTING

This wine is garnet-red in colour with a few carmine highlights.

Its bouquet is wonderfully intense. On aeration, it releases black-berry fruit (blackberry, black cherry, plum) aromas, with hints of cake spices.

On the palate, this wine is very rich and well-balanced. The aftertaste is long, with slight tarry overtones. The tannin is not yet fully resolved. These characteristics are indicative of its good ageing potential: it would be best to wait two or three years to appreciate its full complexity.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Stuffed capon, braised veal sweetbreads, cheese (hard sheep's milk cheese, Roquefort).

SERVING

Serve between 15°C and 18°C

AGEING POTENTIAL

Over 15 years



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THE VINEYARD

TERROIR

Deep gravel

SURFACE AREA OF THE VINEYARD

113.66 ac

AGE OF VINES

26 years years old

IN THE VINEYARD

Pruning type: Double Guyot with debudding.

Grape Harvest: By hand with small deep crates.

THE CELLAR

WINEMAKING

In stainless-steel temperature-controlled tanks with patented cap-breaking system and concrete tanks with pigeage.

AGEING

For 12 months in oak barrels (40-50 % new) with racking.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

"A balanced, elegant, delicious red by La Louviere. There is good depth, density and focus in this wine filled with dark berry flavors. A serious but approachable wine with nice mid palate depth and finish."

Jeannie Cho Lee, 21/04/2023

93/100

Wine Spectator

"This has a sappy feel, with lots of kirsch, plum reduction and blackberry compote flavors, inlaid with brambly grip. Features a noticeable tarry streak through the finish, but this maintains good energy along the way. A strong showing."

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, 06/04/2017

91-94/100

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"Full to medium body, chewy tannins and a medium finish. A juicy and pretty wine already."

James Suckling, 27/03/2017

91-92/100

LE GUIDE HACHETTE DES VINS

"Impressive blood-red colour, gradually revealing elegant red fruit notes with hints of smoke. The wine expresses oaky aromas, which are not overbearing: fruity on the nose with a rich, complex and elegant palate leading into a long, silky finish. Best enjoyed between 2023 and 2030."

Le Guide Hachette des Vins

2 Stars



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