

CHÂTEAU LA LOUVIÈRE



Château La Louvière Red 2017

AOC Pessac-Léognan, Bordeaux, France

PRESENTATION

Château La Louvière has many fascinating facets. The sumptuous architecture of the chateau 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

The 2017 vintage was one of the earliest on record. The growing season was marked by a dry winter and spring (46% less rainfall than usual), accompanied by temperatures 2°C above average (except for the frost in April). This dry summer weather was ideal for ripening the seeds until late August.

HARVEST

12 September 2017

THE WINE

VARIETALS

Cabernet sauvignon 75%, Merlot 25%

ALCOHOL CONTENT

13 % vol.

TASTING

2017 red Château La Louvière is a brilliant ruby-red colour, scattered with purple highlights. The nose unveils a pleasant combination of very ripe black fruit aromas (blackcurrant, black cherry), underpinned by subtle roasted notes and rose petal overtones. The initial impression on the palate is smooth with average body and good concentration mid-palate. A tremendously fruity wine, underpinned by elegant roasted notes and a firm, ripe tannic structure. 2017 Château La Louvière has a beautiful long aftertaste. Best enjoyed in a few years, when it will reveal its fine aromas and flavours to the full.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Beef fillet, stuffed quail, rib of veal and mushrooms.

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

JAMES SUCKLING.COM

"Ripe dark berries and a wealth of plums, too. This has good richness and fruit purity. There's attractive depth, as well as a very supple tannin structure, making it approachable now with the prospect of mid-term aging. Drink or hold."
James Suckling, 10/01/2020

92/100

WINE ENTHUSIAST

Wine Enthusiast, 01/04/2018

92-94/100

Wine Spectator

"Bright and juicy, with good plum and cherry compote notes lined with dried anise and tar details. Has a grippy feel. Slightly gutsy in style and well done."
Wine Spectator, 01/04/2018

90-93/100

"Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black core. Expressive nose with distinct roasting aroma, blackcurrants and black cherries, hints of mild spices in the background. On the palate firm tannins, elegant fruit and elegant roasting aroma, well structured with good length."
Markus DEL MONEGO, 01/04/2018

91/100



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