

# CHATEAU DE CRUZEAU



## Château de Cruzeau Red 2016

AOC Pessac-Léognan, Bordeaux, France

### PRESENTATION

Château de Cruzeau is situated on superb gravelly hilltops, perfectly oriented, and benefits from ideal natural conditions for growing vines. Its red wines are always fine and elegant, the perfect expression of the exceptional terroir of Pessac-Léognan. Delicately spicy, with notes of truffle and undergrowth, these modern, charming wines are particularly well-balanced, with freshness, a lovely structure and delicious fruit aromas.

### 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

09/26/2016

### THE WINE

#### VARIETALS

Cabernet sauvignon 55%, Merlot 45%

#### ALCOHOL CONTENT

13.5 % vol.

#### TASTING

This intense Cruzeau 2016 has a lovely dark red, almost garnet-red color, with discreet violet nuances.

The elegant, rich nose is dominated by empyreumatic aromas (toasted), harmoniously blended with notes of ripe red and black fruits (morello cherry...).

On the palate, this Cruzeau rouge 2016 is extremely pleasant and enjoyable. Supple on the attack, subtle balance, good length: its assets are numerous. You'll appreciate its beautifully blended tannins and notes of ripe red fruit, combined with a hint of light tobacco.

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

This gourmet wine is the ideal companion for guinea fowl casseroles, roast veal Orloff or a tasty plate of charcuterie.

#### SERVING

Serve between 15°C and 17°C

#### AGEING POTENTIAL

10 to 15 years



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### THE VINEYARD

#### TERROIR

Ridges with deep gravel

#### SURFACE AREA OF THE VINEYARD

175.44 ac

#### AGE OF VINES

19 years years old

#### IN THE VINEYARD

Pruning type: Double guyot with debudding

Grape Harvest: By hand or mechanical after manual sorting at the vine

### THE CELLAR

#### WINEMAKING

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

#### AGEING

For 12 months in oak barrels (30-40% new) with racking each trimester.

### REVIEWS AND AWARDS

JAMES SUCKLING.COM

"Dense and linear with a pretty finish of currants, crushed stones, cement and berries. Full-bodied, tight and tannic. Very attractive."

James Suckling, 27/03/2017

91-92/100



"The 2016 De Cruzeau offers slightly smudged strawberry and blackberry fruit on the nose, laced with bay and wild heather. The palate is medium-bodied, quite sappy and nicely balanced. There is a touch of simplicity toward the finish, but this straightforwardness is an attribute. Enjoy over the next 8 to 10 years."

Neal Martin, Vinous, 18/12/2018

90/100



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