

CHÂTEAU LA LOUVIÈRE

Château La Louvière Red 2018

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

2018 was one of the warmest years since 1900, featuring above-average temperatures, the second hottest summer to date, and abundant sunshine. Heavy rainfall in the first half of the year was followed by persistent, near-record drought conditions in September.

HARVEST

09/12/2018

THE WINE

VARIETALS

Cabernet sauvignon 60%, Merlot 40%

ALCOHOL CONTENT

13.5 % vol.

TASTING

Deep ruby-red colour, enhanced by occasional deep purple highlights.

Swirling in the glass gradually unveils the full complexity of this wine, featuring roasted, toasty, and vanilla notes.

Starts out straightforward on the palate, underpinned by a fine tannic structure. Full-bodied and rich mid-palate – a real pleasure to taste. Well-structured, with wonderful freshness.

Fruity notes come to the fore, mingled with roasted overtones, culminating in a lovely long finish. This wine has good ageing potential. Wait a few years to fully appreciate all its qualities.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Roast suckling pig, leg of lamb in the oven, fillet of beef stuffed with 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

"Dark purple red with violet hue and black core. Well structured nose with aroma reminiscent of blackcurrants and blackcurrant leaf, almost flowery hints in the background. On the palate well balanced with ripe tannins, medium bodied structure and good length."

91/100

Markus Del Monego, 07/04/2019

"A very straightforward blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot, this has a really fascinating nose, showing perfumed black cherry fruit, but there is a certain and undeniable minty overlaw to this sample. This comes through on the palate too, as a rather cool seam of minty freshness, swirled with grilled pip, grilled cherry and dark chocolate, which all sits alongsidethe

90-92/100

perfumed cherry and rose-petal fruit. Certainly fresh, cool, with a touch of exotic cherry and plum fruit, supported by a flourish of dry and moderately grained tannins in the finish. An attractive wine. The élevage will be in 40% to 50% of new oak for 12 months. Tasted twice."

Chris Kissack, The Wine Doctor, 23/04/2019



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