

# CHATEAU DE CRUZEAU



## Château de Cruzeau Red 2017

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

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

09/05/2017

### THE WINE

#### VARIETALS

Cabernet sauvignon 55%, Merlot 45%

#### ALCOHOL CONTENT

12.5 % vol.

#### TASTING

2017 Château de Cruzeau is a beautiful, intense garnet-red colour.

It is spicy, charming, and very rich on the nose, combining red and black fruit notes (blackberry).

2017 Château de Cruzeau is equally delicious on the palate, displaying very ripe juicy fruit flavours (blackberry) alongside oaky nuances, enhancing the wine's overall aromatic complexity.

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

It is an ideal partner for beef fillet, stuffed quail, or braised veal shank.

#### 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

"This has attractive, ripe mixed berries and gently leafy nuances. Good ripeness on the palate with a wealth of rich, fleshy dark-berry flavor. Drink or hold."  
James Suckling, 10/01/2020

90/100



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