# CHATEAU DE CRUZEAU





# Château de Cruzeau Red 2018

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

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**

09/14/2018

## THE WINE

### **VARIETALS**

Merlot 60%, Cabernet sauvignon 40%

# ALCOHOL CONTENT

13.5 % vol.

# **TASTING**

Attractive ruby-red colour.

The bouquet is wonderfully intense, revealing a lovely combination of red fruit notes mingled with hints of vanilla, acquired during barrel ageing.

Starts out attractive and very fruity on the palate, underpinned by noticeable tannin, yet not excessively so. Delicious red fruit and vanilla notes once again come to the fore. Excellent tension on the finish, contributing a lovely long aftertaste. This fairly young wine is worth ageing two or three years to fully reveal all its qualities.

### **FOOD PAIRINGS**

Ideal served with cheese platters, duck confit or braised lamb 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**



"Beautiful dark, lively red colour. The bouquet is fresh and fruity, with ripe black and red berry notes and hints of understated oak. Starts out straightforward and characterful on the palate, with fruity flavours intensifying on the finish. A wine with plenty of character." Gilbert & Gaillard, 01/04/2020

90/100

