

CHATEAU DES LAURETS 2016 PUISSEGUIN SAINT-ÉMILION

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THE STORY

Built circa 1860, the château features an octagonal tower overlooking the grounds. The vineyards are planted on south-facing slopes with limestone outcrops. The excellent clay-limestone soil gives this Merlot-based Saint-Émilion wine its distinctive taste. Baron Benjamin de Rothschild acquired this superb property in 2003, aiming from the beginning to achieve its fine potential.

THE VINEYARD

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION: Puisseguin Saint-Émilion

AREA: 40 ha (98.84 acres)

SOILS: Limestone and clay

VINE DENSITY: 5,500 vines/ha (13,590 vines/acre)

VINE AGE: 25 years

VINE MANAGEMENT: Natural grass cover, double Guyot

HARVEST DATES: Merlot from October 5 to 19, Cabernet Sauvignon on October 20

HARVEST: Hand and mechanical picking with hand selection of the grapes (before and after destemming)

VINIFICATION

FERMENTATION: Cold soaking and fermentation in oak and stainless steel vats with automatic temperature-control. Post-fermentation micro-oxygenation during maceration and malolactic fermentation in oak and stainless steel vats.

AGING: 14 months, 30% in new barrels, 30% in second fill barrels and the rest in vats.

ALCOHOL: 14%

AGING POTENTIAL: 10-15 years

TASTING NOTES

Violet hues are transparent in the glass. The extremely fresh nose expresses intense black fruit. Hints of cedar mingle with the aroma of Morello cherries. The elegant palate possesses a bold character with sophisticated velvety tannins and notes of liquorice. The finish is long and persistent. While the freshness of this young wine is very pleasant, it also promises an excellent cellaring potential.

VINTAGE 2016

"An outstanding vintage with unprecedented weather!" - *Fabrice Bandiera, Technical Director*

The winter was exceptionally wet and wild. Temperatures were unseasonably balmy and dry until the end of December. January and February were also clement but accompanied by significant precipitation. In fact, it rained nearly every day during those months. There was 193% more in January and 108% more in February at the estate compared to the 15-year average. Spring was cool and wet, but frost free. Flowering was even and took place the first 10 days of June. This was followed by a very hot and dry summer. 2016 has all the hallmarks of an outstanding vintage because yields were generous and quality of fruit was superlative.

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