

# Château Chantegrive 2015

CSPC# 801730

750mlx12

14.0% alc./vol.

**Grape Variety**

50% Merlot, 50% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Appellation**

Graves

**Classification**

Grand vin de Bordeaux

**Website**

<http://www.chantegrive.com/homepage>

**General Info**

In 1966 Henri and Françoise Leveque acquired a few plots of vines in the village of Podensac. After 40 years of patiently adding more prime plots, Château de Chantegrive is today one of the largest and most prestigious estates in the Graves appellation with 80 hectares of vines. It is a member of the Union des Grands Crus de Bordeaux. A new generation has now arrived, which, with its energy and committed involvement within the winegrowing world, has injected renewed impetus into the estate.

**Vineyards**

50% Merlot and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon. Density 6500 vines / hectare. Gravelly sand and a sub-layer of clay and limestone. Average vine age is 30 years. Area planted 60 hectares. Sustainable agriculture raised and herbed vines. Soil work under the rows and de-budding, then thinning.

**Harvest**

Reasoned cultivation, controlled productivity, disbudding, thinning out of the leaves. Both manual and mechanical harvest sorting with a Mistral® table.

**Vinification/**

Cold pre-fermentation for 3 to 4 weeks, then alcoholic fermentation in small thermo-regulated vats. French oak barrels, 50% of new wood, for 12 months.

**Maturation**

**Tasting Notes**

Beautiful ruby color, seductive and complex bouquet with notes of toast and black ripe fruit. The attack is frank and wide, supported by silky tannins.

**Serve with**

Red meat, game birds, poultry or on light, matured cheeses.

**Cellaring**

Drink 2017-2027

**Scores/Awards**

**92 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2018

**91-92 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2016

**16 points** - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - October 2017

**87 points** - Decanter.com - April 2016 (score only)

**87 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2018

**86-88 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2016

**86-88+ points** - Jeremy Williams, winewordsandvideotape.com - March 2016

**88 points** - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com - May 2016

**87-89 points** - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2016

**91 points** - Jeb Dunnuck MW - February 2018

**89-91 points** - Falstaff Magazine (score only) - May 2016

**15.5 points** - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - April 2016

**Reviews**

*“This shows plenty of brash woodwork on the nose with an undercurrent of cassis and blackcurrant. The palate has an assertive core of fresh, lithe and long tannins forming a focused, flavor-drenched finish.”*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*“Very fine tannins and pretty fruit for this wine with medium to full body and a fresh finish. 50% merlot and 50% cabernet sauvignon. Barrel Sample: 91-92 points.”*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*“Fresh, lively dark-red fruit. A little chabby and savoury on the palate, fine tannins. Dry finish. (JH)”*  
- JH, JancisRobinson.com

*“Forward, medium bodied, easy drinking style of wine that delivers an uncomplicated smoked, cherry, plum and espresso tinged experience.”*  
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com



**Reviews** *"The best red wine ever from Chantegrive. With depth of color, smoke, thyme, plum, espresso and earthy character, this wine is fresh, forward and fruity in the finish."*

- JL, [thewinecellarinsider.com](http://thewinecellarinsider.com)

*"Mid depth; earthy edge; ripe aromas; black cherry; earth and chocolate; nice texture on the palate; some acidity and grip on the finish; good effort. [50% Merlot, 50% Cabernet Sauvignon]. Tasted UGCB 7/4/16. Drink 2019-2024. 86-88+"*

- JW, [winewordsandvideotape.com](http://winewordsandvideotape.com)

*"Forward and quite charming with dark berry fruit and tobacco notes. The flavors are quite simple and lacking in depth; the tannins are a bit dry in the finish. Enjoy this wine within the first 7-8 years of its life."*

- JCL, [asianpalate.com](http://asianpalate.com)

*"The 2015 Chantegrive is bold, ripe and forward. Succulent red cherry, tobacco, licorice, dried herbs and menthol take on shades of brooding, intense power in this decidedly virile wine. The tannins are a bit imposing today, but another 6-12 months in bottle should do the trick. The blend is 50% Merlot and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon. Tasted two times. (AG)"*

- AG, [Vinous](http://Vinous)

*"The 2015 Château de Chantegrive is another killer value in 2015 and is based on equal parts Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Loaded with notions of caramelized cherries, tobacco, truffle, and a hint of earth, this beauty hits the palate with a ripe, sexy, opulent style carrying polished tannin and plenty of length. Drink it anytime over the coming decade."*

- Jeb Dunnuck

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