

Château Lamothe-Bergeron 2016

CSPC# 814274

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety 52% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot.
Appellation Haut-Médoc
Classification Cru Bourgeois
Website <http://lamothebergeron.com/>

General Info

Château Lamothe Bergeron is a medium-sized Haut Médoc estate located in the commune of Cussac, just south of St-Julien. Lamothe Bergeron has an interesting history, with its château dating back to 1868. Lamothe indicates a property on a 'motte' (a plot of high land), while Bergeron was the name of an owner in the 19th century. The castle is named after Jacques Bergeron, who in the early nineteenth century, was fought on the field for experiments and edited numerous essays on the culture of the vine and fertilizers. He invented a way to graft the vines that give birth to the method "Bergeron", still used by winemakers of the Rhone Valley in the early 20th century.

The property remains in the Bergeron family until the 1850s, but only after the purchase by Mr. Armana of the castle is named Lamothe-Bergeron, in honor of its former owner. The area will remain in the heritage of the Amarna family before passing into the hands of society Mestrezat in early 1970, then of the Credit Agricole in the 2000s via its structure "CA Grands Crus", before be sold in 2009 to cognacs H. Mounier and Hardy.

Today Mery Laurent is in charge of the area, helped in his task by Hubert de Boüard, co-owner of Chateau Angelus that Lamothe-Bergeron as counsel for the conduct of the vines for winemaking.

One of the leading Cru Bourgeois since the 19th century, Lamothe-Bergeron has come to be considered a benchmark wine of the Haut-Médoc.

Winemaker

Mery Laurent, assisted by Hubert de Boüard

Vintage

This 2016 vintage is marked by a capricious weather! First of all, the first six months were very rainy, followed by magnificent conditions at the beginning of June, which allowed a superb flowering on the Château Lamothe-Bergeron vineyard. But at this stage the surprises were not over: an almost scorching summer set in ... Fortunately the water stress of the vine is not too important thanks to the water reserves of the beginning of the year! Finally, the rain is like back around September 14 in the Haut-Médoc: the vines resume its maturation and keep all its freshness through a nice temperature difference between day and night. The harvest was extended from September 29 to October 19 at Château Lamothe-Bergeron.

Vineyards

Terroir: Garonne gravel; Area: 77 hectares, of which 60 are planted with vines; Varieties: 49% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot; Average age of vine: 25 years.; Yield: 40 hl/ha.

Harvest

September 29 to October 19

Vinification/ Maturation

The wines are fermented in temperature- controlled stainless-steel vats and are matured in small barriques (30% new) for 18 months. Best drunk 5-10 years following the vintage.

Tasting Notes

It is a magnificent vintage that Château Lamothe-Bergeron signs in 2016! The robe is of a very intense garnet color with bluish tints. Deliciously fragrant, the nose opens on a basket of red fruits and black of the woods, then on notes of plum and nuts. At the Château, Château Lamothe-Bergeron 2016 is extroverted and nicely wooded, the acidity is crisp and the structure long and frank. Elegant, the finish is a very nice freshness ...

Serve with

Beef & mushroom skewers; Bison steak; veal; duck; lamb.

Production

? cases made

Cellaring

Drink 2021-2035



Scores/Awards **89-91 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #230 - April 2017
92-93 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2017
91 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - March 2019
17 points - Roger Hemmings, JancisRobinson.com - September 2018
16.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2017
87 points - Decanter.com - April 2019
86-88 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2017
91 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - April 2017

Reviews *"The 2016 Chateau Lamothe-Bergeron has impressive freshness and vitality on the nose: buoyant black fruit mixed with tobacco and graphite. The palate is well balanced with crisp acidity, harmonious in the mouth with good depth, a lot of new oak on the finish but that should be subsumed by the time this is in bottle. There is potential here."*
- NM, Wine Advocate

"A refined and beautiful red with plum, blackberry and walnut character. Medium to full body and a juicy finish. Well done. Better than the 2015."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"The rather grand chateau of this estate dates to the 19th century, a turreted affair very much in the Médoc tradition. The wine is classic as well, offering balanced acidity, black-currant fruit and a layer of tannins to support everything. The 30% new barrels have added to the wine's richness as well as giving a spicy aftertaste. Drink from 2022."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"52% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot. Sophisticated blackcurrant and plum fruit garnished with a few sprigs of mint and subtle notes of char and spice. Maximises the fruit characteristics of the varieties, as well as adding well-judged oak influence. Thoughtful winemaking, with the intensity to age well. (RH)"
- RH, JancisRobinson.com

"Sweetly scented. Round and transparent with great energy. Fresh finish and very well balanced. GV"
- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"Deep well-extracted fruit, smooth tannins, good modern wine with ripeness and elegance."
- Decanter.com

"Medium bodied, forward, easy drinking wine, with clean fruits, soft textures which should be fine to drink on release."
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com
