

Château Siran 2016

CSPC# 801700

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, 9% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	Margaux
Classification	Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel
Website	http://www.chateausiran.com/en/les-vins/chateau-siran/
General Info	<p>Chateau Siran has a history in the Medoc that dates back to 1428, making it one of the oldest estates in Margaux. The property took its name from Saint Siran. At one point in time, Chateau Siran was owned by the Toulouse Lautrec family. The owners were the grandparents of the famous French painter.</p> <p>Chateau Siran has been the property of the Mialhe family since 1858, having purchased the estate from the Lautrec family. Chateau Siran has retained their artistic roots. Similar to what Chateau Siran also created a new label each vintage that features a different artist. However, from the 2005 vintage forward, Siran has retained the same label. In late 2014, Chateau Siran finished a complete renovation and modernization of their cellars and wine making facilities along with their museum. The museum, which is worth a trip to see has a stunning collection of wine related objects including several ancient amphorae, the oldest of which can be dated all the way back to 300 BC. At various points in time, Siran was consulted by Michel Rolland from 1995 to 2004, who was followed by Denis Dubourdieu from 2004. Starting with the 2015 vintage, Chateau Siran began working with Hubert de Bouard of Chateau Angelus and the wines have never been better. In fact, 2015 is finest wine the estate has ever produced!</p>
Winemaker	Marjolaine DeFrance
Vintage	<p>The vintage is characterized by a wet and relatively cool beginning of the season, followed by a very dry summer, at a rarely reached level, and rather warm, with a dry and sunny autumn, with strong thermal amplitudes. As a result, the quality of the grape harvests was very dependent on the part of the work done on the vines in the spring, on the other hand the quality of rooting, which will have more or less responded to the water needs of the plant. The sunshine was generally faithful to the averages, but its particular distribution strongly contributed to the personality of the vintage. After a mild, dry autumn (November and December 2015 with above-average temperatures and 50% rainfall deficit compared to averages, with a constant south current), the months of January and February, until March 10, were mild and wet (1 ° C more than the average and three times the 30-year average over January, with 240 mm!). April was relatively dry, but overcast and with frequent rains, then May and June were rainy, with much lower sunshine than in 2015 and relatively cool (June 1 ° C below average, with only one hot episode at the end of month (33-35 ° C)). The flower, between the end of May and the middle of June, forecast harvest around September 26th.</p> <p>The temperatures of the summer months were close to the averages, August slightly warmer than July, with two peaks of heat, August 15 and 23 to 27, with a high of 36.7 ° C on the 23rd. From the 28th, the nights were cool, around 15 ° C. September remained summer until the storm of 13/09. Overall it was mild, with rare rainy episodes, and dry with great temperature differences between day and night. This favored a slow maturation of the grapes, which remained perfectly healthy. October was dry, so that the beginning of the harvest could be delayed until the end of September.</p>
Vineyards	The 25 hectare Left Bank vineyard of Chateau Siran is planted to 44% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc. Located in the southern part of the Margaux appellation, the grapes are produced from soils made up of a



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Harvest	September 26 th , 2016. Handpicked in 60L crates
Vinification	To produce the wine of Chateau Siran, the wine is vinified in temperature controlled, stainless steel vats. Malolactic fermentation takes place in tank. The wine is aged in 35% new, French oak barrels for 12 months before bottling.
Tasting Notes	Produced from soils made up of a deep layer of gravel, the wines of Siran are typical of the great Margaux growths. Both powerful and delicate, they express the perfect balance between tannin, fruit and acidity. They are long-ageing wines, which over time develop sweetness on the palate, giving a characteristic silky and velvety mouth-feel. Made from a subtle blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, Château Siran generally expresses finesse, femininity and silkiness rather than the raw power and virility of some Médoc wines. The high percentage of Petit Verdot, which can be as much as 15% of the final blend in some years, brings a spicy finish which enhances the unique character of the wines of Château Siran. Château Siran displays charm when young but is also a wine of very long ageing potential. Wine enthusiasts particularly appreciate the complexity of its aromas that it develops over time.
Serve with	Chateau Siran is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised and grilled dishes. Chateau Siran is a perfect match with Asian dishes, hearty fish courses like tuna, mushrooms and pasta as well as cheese.
Production	7,500 cases made.
Cellaring	Drink 2019-2030
Scores/Awards	<p>89 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2019</p> <p>89-92 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2017</p> <p>90 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate Interim Issue - November 2018</p> <p>92-94 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #230 - April 2017</p> <p>96 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2019</p> <p>94-95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2017</p> <p>94 points/Editor's Choice - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - May 2019</p> <p>94-96 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - April 2017</p> <p>17.5 points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - October 2018</p> <p>17- points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2017</p> <p>93 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2017</p> <p>92 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2017</p> <p>86-89 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2017</p> <p>90+ points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - November 2017</p> <p>92-94 points - Falstaff Magazine (score only) - May 2017</p> <p>16-17 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - June 2017</p> <p>93-94 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - April 2017</p> <p>16-18 points - Gault & Millau (score only) - April 2017</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"The frame of sandalwood dust and singed cedar gives this a slightly restrained feel for now, though the core of bitter plum, black cherry and lilac notes is solidly built. The sandalwood edge holds sway on the finish, keeping this slightly austere for now. Cellaring should let this wine's charms emerge fully. Best from 2022 through 2032."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Fresh cherry and bitter plum notes form the core. Shows a pretty backdrop of black tea and a racy-edged structure through the finish Score range: 89-92"</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"The 2016 Siran has a deep garnet-purple color and nose of cassis and chocolate-covered cherries with wafts of black soil, licorice and violets. The medium-bodied palate is lively with grainy tannins and a good fruit core."</i> - LPB, Wine Advocate</p>

Reviews *"The alcohol level is 13.9% with a pH of 3.61. The nose, for want of a better word, is very charming. No, not powerful nor is it flamboyant, yet the aromas are nicely focused, and it has a disarming sense of purity: blackberry, bilberry and just a very faint hint of liquorice. The palate is medium bodied with sappy black fruit, good grip in the mouth and fine purity. This is a strong follow-up to the 2015 Siran and tasting the two side by side, this is one of the very few occasions in the appellation where I think it might surpass it. Edouard Mialhe has radically improved Siran in recent years (see last year's report) and this is certainly one to watch."*
- NM, Wine Advocate

"Very attractive, plush and rich red and dark-fruit aromas with beautifully integrated oak and youthful, spicy complexity. The palate has lush, seamless and velvety tannins that are elegant yet powerful and deliver a silky build of ripe dark-berry flavors into a long, seamless finish. Greatest Siran ever! Try from 2023."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"This is a great follow-up to the 2015! Full-bodied, chewy and powerful. Solid core of ripe fruit and intense tannins. A triumph... again."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Now with more Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend than in the past, this wine has elegant black-currant fruits and tannins allied to a lift of acidity. Showing the continued improvements at this southern Margaux estate, the wine is joyful and ripe. Drink from 2025."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"This is another chateau that's on the rise. This vintage has produced a powerful wine, solid with tannins and concentration"
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"Dark purplish crimson. Lovely classic Margaux scented fruit. Ultra-fine, dry and elegant tannin texture. There's a slight austerity here but everything is in balance for elegance in the longer term. (JH)"
- JH, JancisRobinson.com

"Dark purple. Some excitement and risk on the nose here. Nicely Margaux but pretty intense. Sweet start but enough freshness. Not the most concentrated but nicely judged."
- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"A highly attractive vintage for Siran, with a darkly spiced frame...with a pH of 3.61. The estate has a new winemaker this year in Marjolaine DeFrance. There are clear touches of the florality of Margaux and this is an excellent wine, less succulent than 2015 perhaps, but with intensity, staying power and beautifully poised fruit. This is an estate that just keeps getting better and is a name to follow. (JA)"
- JA, Decanter.com

"Medium-bodied, round and open, this wine delivers tobacco, licorice and dark, red pit fruit both in the nose and on the palate, with a softly textured, elegant finish."
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"The 2016 Siran is a powerful, dense Margaux. Inky, super-ripe dark fruit, chocolate, mocha, dark spice and new leather are all pushed forward. Readers should expect a dense, extracted style built on textural depth and richness. There is plenty of tannic heft, but also enough fruit to balance things out. Tasted two times."
- AG, Vinous

"The deeply colored 2016 Château Siran is a chewy, rich, powerful effort that needs short-term cellaring to come together. Loads of black fruits, smoked meat, leather, and graphite notes all flow to a medium to full-bodied Margaux that takes some time to unwind, yet it's going to be better with 4-5 years of bottle age and keep for 15+. It's a solid, promising effort."
- Jeb Dunnuck