

Château La Cabanne 2016

CSPC# 813884

750mlx12

14.8% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

94% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc

Appellation

Pomerol

Classification

Grand Vin de Bordeaux

Website

<http://www.ugcb.net/en/chateau-la-cabanne>

General Info

Chateau La Cabanne takes its name from the tiny sector where the property is located, La Cabane. The estate is one of the older properties in the appellation, as it dates back to the mid 1700's. During the early 1900's, the property was purchased by the Audy family, who were négociants and vineyard owners in Pomerol with Clos du Clocher.

Chateau La Cabanne was sold to the Estager family in 1952. The Estager family was already well known in Bordeaux due to their active business as négociants in Libourne since 1912. Francois Estager manages everything that goes on with the estate today.

Much of Chateau La Cabanne is new. Although, renovations took place sadly, because circumstances forced them to. A huge fire destroyed much of their property in 2010. The tragic fire also destroyed the entire 2008 vintage, which was still in vat at the time.

Winemaker

François Estager

Vintage

2016 is undoubtedly one of the best vintages of the last years, in line with 2009 and 2010. The summer brought to the vines their quotas of sun and rain, especially 20mm of rain, on September 13, which allowed to perfect the maturity of the grapes.

Vineyards

The 8.84 hectare vineyard of Chateau La Cabanne is planted to 94% Merlot and 6% Cabernet Franc. The terroir is clay with gravel soils. The vineyard of Chateau La Cabanne is in a great location, not far from Chateau Trotanoy and Chateau Clinet. On average, the vines are 30 years of age. The vineyard can be divided into 9 separate parcels, with their oldest parcel of vines being close to 40 years of age. Their best vines are placed just behind the chateau, where they have blue clay in the soil. The vineyard is planted to a vine density of 6,500 vines per hectare

Vinification

The wine of Chateau La Cabanne is vinified in 8 traditional, temperature controlled, small, conical shaped, stainless steel vats that vary in size from 70 hectoliters to 80 hectoliters.

Malolactic fermentation takes place in barrel. The wine is aged in 60% new, French oak barrels for close to 15 months before bottling. Chateau La Cabanne produces close to 2,500 cases per year.

Tasting Notes

Deep dark ruby garnet, opaque core, violet reflexes, delicate brightening, dried plum, some figs, candied orange zest, a hint of nougat in the background. Juicy, elegant, ripe heart cherries, firm tannins, chocolaty and well-adhering, mineral notes.

Serve with

Chateau La Cabanne is best paired with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted braised and grilled dishes.

Production

2500 cases annually

Cellaring

Drink 2021-2040

Scores/Awards

88-91 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2017

91-93 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #230 - April 2017

94 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2019

94-95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2017

16 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - October 2018

15.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2017

91 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2017

90 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2017



Scores/Awards **92 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - February 2019

91 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - November 2017

15.5 points - Matthew Jukes, MW - April 2017

92 points - Falstaff Magazine (score only) - May 2017

Reviews *"This has a soft-edged core of plum and red currant preserve flavors lined with subtle alder and singed vanilla notes. A touch dusty through the finish, but the fruit is pretty. Score range: 88-91"*
- JM, [Wine Spectator](http://WineSpectator.com)

"The 2016 La Cabanne is a blend of 94% Merlot and 6% Cabernet Franc picked from the end of September. François Estager told me that like last year, he did not add any sulphites until after the malolactic fermentation. It has a well-defined bouquet with black cherries, a touch of cassis, a lovely marine influence and crushed violets. It opens beautifully in the glass. The palate is fresh on the entry with crisp, tensile tannin and very well-judged acidity. This Pomerol displays great energy and poise, fanning out on the second half that demonstrates superb mineralité. This is an unmissable follow-up to the 2015 La Cabanne. Tasted twice with consistent notes."
- NM, [Wine Advocate](http://WineAdvocate.com)

"A beautifully floral and fragrant wine that has deep, slate and stony nuances with abundant fresh berries, plums and mulberries. The slate and graphite continue to the finish with a wealth of super fine, plush and concentrated tannins. Try from 2022."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"A juicy and fruity red that shows reserve and structure. Full body, polished and chewy tannins and a long finish. Big wine for the vintage. Serious... again!"
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Meaty, almost gamey nose promises much but on the palate it's a little dull and diffuse. Awkward finish – very drying."
- JH, JancisRobinson.com

"Big and bold with pinched sweetness on the end but a neat, dry finish."
- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"Beautiful deep damson colour, as so many are this year. The fruit veers towards the sweet side, with sticky summer damson jam and a welcome touch of bitter chocolate and grilled plums. It is powerful, and although there is not quite the same lift as some, there is no doubt about the luscious fruit. Medium term drinking. Merlot with a touch of Cabernet Franc. (JA)"
- JA, Decanter.com

"I like this even more than the last time I tasted this, due to all the ripe, polished, lushly textured, dark red fruits, licorice, flowers and earth. The wine is soft and polished, with a fruity, silky finish."
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"Chocolate-covered plums dusted with cayenne arrive on the palate, they bring along flowers, black raspberry and a little more spice on the nose. Medium bodied with a freshness, this wine was made from a blend of 94% Merlot and 6% Cabernet Franc and is 14.8% alcohol with a pH of 3.65"
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"Rather too sour and hard with blunt oak and very drying tannins, this is a joyless style with no discernible charm. 15.5+?"
- MJ, matthewjukes.com

"The 2016 Château La Cabanne checks in as 96% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc brought up in 45% new French oak. Coming from the team of Thomas Duclos, it has a spicy, dark-fruited, ripe, sexy style as well as medium to full-bodied richness, good concentration, beautiful elegance and purity, and a great finish. It plays in the seamless, elegant style of the vintage yet has beautiful fruit and should keep for 15+ years."
- Jeb Dunnuck
