

# Château Chantegrive 2009

CSPC# 756708

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

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## Grape Variety

55% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon,

## Appellation

Graves

## 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.

## Vintage

A vintage of exceptional quality due to beautiful weather. July and August's heat permitted to concentrate the aromas and the anthocyanins; in September, cool nights alternating with warm days gave us perfectly matured grapes! The red wines of Chantegrive are powerful, concentrated with silky tannins and well-balanced acidity. A spectacular vintage.

## 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.

## Vinification/

## Maturation

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.

## Tasting Notes

Intense garnet in color with violet highlights. A spicy nose of black cherry, blueberry and torrefaction. A rich, powerful and structured palate, presenting a superb fruit and an elegant and fresh woody finish.

## Serve with

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

## Production

16,415 cases made (200,000 bottles)

## Cellaring

Drink 2012-2025

## Scores/Awards

**87 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2012

**86-89 points** - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2010

**90 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #199 - February 2012

**87-89\* points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #188 - April 2010

**84-86 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - May 2010

**92 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - August 2012

**89-91 points** - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - September 8, 2010

**15.5 points** - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - no review

**17 points/4 stars** - James Lawther, Decanter.com - February 2012

**91 points** - Jane Anson, The New Bordeaux - April 2010

**89? points** - Jeremy Williams, winewordsandvideotape.com - March 2010

**Review Only** - Hamish Orr Ewing, Berry & Rudd Wine & Spirit Merchants

**Review Only** - Laura Atkinson, Berry & Rudd Wine & Spirit Merchants

**92 points** - John Sweeney, JJBuckley Wines - November 2012

**Gold Medal** - Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2011

**Silver Medal** - Concours de Bordeaux Vins d'Aquitaine 2011

## Reviews

*"Solid spice, tobacco and mulled fig notes are laced with iron and singed cedar hints. A slightly taut feel on the finish holds this back a touch. Drink now through 2015. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 16,415 cases made."*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"Mushroom and spice aromas with ripe fruit follow through to a medium body, with velvety tannins and a medium finish. A little simple. Score range: 86-89"*  
- JS, Wine Spectator



**Reviews** *"A major sleeper of the vintage, this blend of equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot is another "best ever" performance. Notes of tobacco leaf, hot rocks, sweet kirsch and black currants are impressively displayed in this medium to full-bodied, velvety textured, very seductive style of wine. Drink it over the next decade."*

- RP, Wine Advocate

*"A great bargain in any vintage, in 2009 this may be the best wine they have ever produced. It is a terrific sleeper of the vintage. Already seductive and lush, it displays oodles of subtle barbecue smoke interspersed with black cherry and black currant fruit as well as silky tannins. Dark ruby/purple in a larger-scaled, lush style than usual, this is a beauty. Drink it over the next 6-8 years. (Tasted two times.)"*

- RP, Wine Advocate

*"Tasted at Vintex. This has a lifted, floral bouquet with black cherries, boysenberry, plum and a touch of vanilla. Good definition. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, compact, but just lacking a little length. Very smooth for the time it lasts. Tasted April 2010."*

- NM, Wine Journal

*"A solid red with ripe plum, cherry and vanilla character. Full and savory with round and ripe tannins and a long, intense finish. Approachable, but better in 2015."*

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"89-91 Barrel sample. Solidly packed tannins, very firm and structured, a feeling of considerable extract as well as a high toast content."*

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

*"Great typicity. Pungent aromatic nose of peach, pear and exotic fruit notes. Rich, full and fat on the palate, showing plenty of ripe fruit characters. Middling acidity and decent length. Drink: 2012-2015. Alc: 13%."*

- JL, Decanter.com

*"A fresh nose, lovely blackcurrant on the aftertaste, good length. Slightly bitter finish, but overall good, perhaps it will round out over the ageing, definite quality there. 55% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, vinified in stainless steel, then aged in 50% new oak, 50% one year. 91."*

- JA, The New Bordeaux

*"Nice healthy colour; purple; some pretty qualities to the nose, some fruit, more obviously fruity; Palate strong and with acid and tannin. Bit high toned and grippy. Needs to settle. 86?/100 Tasted 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010."*

- JW, winewordsandvideotape.com

*Red pepper, smoke, soft cedar and bramble combine on this fresh and lifted Graves nose. Bright fruits on the palate with hints of oak spice.*

- HOE, Berry & Rudd Wine & Spirit Merchants

*This wine has a heady richness and a savoury tobacco character alongside a black and blue fruit palate. The lovely Graves texture adds an elegance alongside excellent balance of flavours and a spicy finish.*

- LA, Berry & Rudd Wine & Spirit Merchants

*"A young, vibrant red from Graves that is medium bodied and fresh. This is a nice 2009 value that shows a leaner style of this vintage, with crushed rocks, forest floor, fresh flowers and red cherry. Bright on the palate, with red fruit, medium grained tannins and zippy acidity. Forget about this for several years and drink 2015-2022."*

- JS, JJ Buckley Wines