

# Château de Chantegrive 2014

CSPC# 756708

750mlx12

13.0% 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.

**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**

This 2014 Graves Rouges Château de Chantegrive is 50% Merlot and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine offers a beautiful ruby-tinted red colour. The aromatic expression is seductive and complex on small and scrumptious red berries. On the palate, the attack is frank and ample, and the wood (from the ageing process) is noble and well-integrated. The whole is carried by tannins with a delicate, silky grain.

**Serve with**

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

**Cellaring**

Drink 2017-2027

**Scores/Awards**

**86-88 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #218 - April 29, 2015

**89-90 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2015

**86-88 points** - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - March 1, 2015

**16 points** - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2015 (score only)

**85 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - February 2017

**84-86 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2015

**86-88 points** - Jeremy Williams, winewordsandvideotape.com - April 2015

**90 points** - Richard Jennings, rjonwine.com - January 2017

**85 points** - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com - March 2015

**Review Only** - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2017

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

**14.5 points** - Gault & Millau (score only)

**Reviews**

*"The Château de Chantegrive (Rouge) 2014 has a forward nose with baked red cherries and light kirsch-like scents that are nicely defined. You could imagine this being very punter-friendly. The palate is medium-bodied with chewy tannin. There is good depth here, sappy in the mouth with a brisk finish that might lack length, but I feel with expand during its élevage. Fine."*

- NM, Wine Advocate

*"A red with a very pretty core of fruit and firm tannins. Medium to full body, firm tannins and a fresh finish."*

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"90-92. Barrel Sample. This wine has intense acidity, given some richness by a tannic core as well as ripe black plum flavors. It's aromatic and fruity, although the acid is almost shocking at the end."*

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

*"Light, fresh, forward, easy going, simple, but charming, tobacco and red plum centered wine."*

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com



**Reviews** *“With a push towards more ripeness and concentration, this wine has depth of flavor but is overwrought with the taste of oak and extraction. 84-86 Pts”*  
- JL, [thewinecellarinsider.com](http://thewinecellarinsider.com)

*“Deep and saturated look; ripe, sweet fruit and black chocolate; black fruits; soft and easy – almost lush – this is attractive, fruit forward Graves. [60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon]. Drink 2017-2023. Tasted 1 April, 2015. 86-88”*  
- JW, [winewordsandvideotape.com](http://winewordsandvideotape.com)

*“Saturated, very dark ruby color; toast, red currant, cedar nose; tight, tasty, red currant, toast, pencil lead palate with good balancing acidity; medium-plus finish”*  
- RJ, [rjonwine.com](http://rjonwine.com)

*“Vibrant flavors this year with the same earthy backbone found in Chantegrive every year. Balanced, upfront with more freshness and vibrant plum and cherry flavors than in previous few years. Enjoy in about 3 to 5 years. Half Merlot and half Cabernet Sauvignon.”*  
- JCL, [asianpalate.com](http://asianpalate.com)

*“The 2014 de Chantegrive is a midweight wine with good aromatic lift and plenty of floral/savory overtones. Sweet red cherry, tobacco and spice add further character. The 2014 is perhaps a touch light, but it is also quite attractive. This savory, feminine Graves appears to be best suited for near-term drinking. (AG)”*  
- AG, [Vinous](http://Vinous)

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