



## CHATEAU FOURCAS HOSTEN

*Vintage 2014*

## Generous and charming



The last winter appeared to be particularly hot and favored an early vine-growth. We had frost only 8 times. Spring was characterized by high temperatures, but offset by fresh temperatures at night. Thus budburst only began around mid-March while remaining two weeks ahead of the usual cycle. April was very dry. In June, blooming got off to a great start, filling us with optimism for the future. From July, the Veraison seemed more disorganized: it started early and ended late, with changes of colors until after mid-August. Summer was really disappointing. Fortunately the weather became very nice from the 29<sup>th</sup> of August. And this incredible Indian summer settled down until the last day of October. September was one of the driest and hottest in the last century. Thanks to this wonderful weather conditions we were able to harvest at the appropriate pace. We could wait until the perfect level of maturity.

### Grape harvest dates

- Merlot : from October 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>
- Cabernet Sauvignon : from October 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>
- Cabernet Franc : October 18<sup>th</sup>

### Blending

- 60 % Merlot
- 39 % Cabernet Sauvignon
- 1 % Cabernet Franc

### Yield

40,5 hl/ha

### Ageing

- 40 % new barrels
- 25 % one-year barrels
- 35 % two-year barrels

### Production

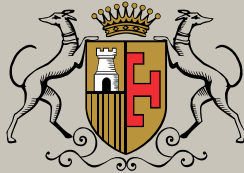
115.000 bottles

### Bottling date at the château

From April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup> 2016

### Alcoholic degree

12,5 % Vol.



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Press Review



La Revue du Vin de France – May 2015 / **Score : 15,5-16,5/20**

« La propriété confirme son statut de leader de l'appellation. Ce 2014, à dominante de merlot, offre un caractère séduisant, rond et suave, sans tomber dans la facilité. L'échantillon est très prometteur, jouant sur une belle trame acidulée fraîche. »



James Suckling – February 2017 / **Score : 91/100**

“Chocolate and berry aromas with perfumed undertones. Full body, soft and silky tannins and a flavorful finish. Excellent. Drink now.”



Bettane+Desseauve/L'Express – April 2015 / **Score : 16/20**

« Plus de complexité et de précision que chez les autres listracs de l'Union, la progression de cet excellent cru bourgeois continue. »



Jancis Robinson – April 2015 / **Score : 16/20**

“Dark crimson. Quite a complex, layered nose (...).”



Le Point – May 2015 / **Score : 16/20**

« Fruits noirs, épices, bouche ronde, moelleuse, fraîche, fine, délicate ; vin long, en finesse. »



Decanter – Steven Spurrier – April 2015 / **Score : 87/100**

“Good fragrant cassis nose and depth of fruit. Shows class and elegance for Lustrac.”



Le Guide des Meilleurs Vins de France 2016 / **Score : 15,5/20★**

« 2014 a engendré le meilleur vin de l'appellation, à dominante de merlot, il offre suavité et élégance. Superbe ! »