



CHATEAU FOURCAS HOSTEN

Vintage 2016

Exceptional due to its balance



This vintage distinguishes itself with rainfalls' record: the equivalent of 12 months of rainfall (more than 800mm) in only 6 months, between January and June. Thanks to a mild weather window in an appropriate timing, flowering occurred remarkably during the second week of June. A hot and dry summer built the 2016 vintage's identity: an aromatic vintage, with tannin-rich structure.

September & October were wonderful. Fruit development was perfect thanks to high temperatures and warm nights when it began to ripen; and cool weather and chilly nights at the end of the ripening period.

Harvesting spread over 18 days: a wonderful Indian summer enabled to reach optimal maturity for each plot, and ensured to obtain a wonderful fruit.

Grape harvest dates

- Merlot: from October 3rd to 15th
- Cabernet Sauvignon: from October 15th to 20th
- Cabernet Franc: October 17th

Blending

- 55 % Merlot
- 44 % Cabernet Sauvignon
- 1 % Cabernet Franc

Yield

52 hl/ha

Ageing

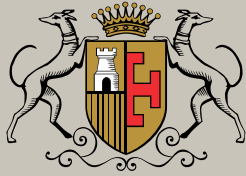
- 38 % new barrels
- 33 % one-year barrels
- 29 % two-year barrels

Production

150.000 bottles

Alcoholic degree

13 % Vol.



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Press Review

LE FIGARO

Le Figaro Vin – Frédéric Durand-Bazin – April 2017 / **Score : 17,5/20**



L'Express supplément / Anthocyanes / Gault&Millau / Yohan Castaing – May 2017 / **Score : 16-17/20**
« Nez d'épices, de fruits noirs pour une bouche juteuse et veloutée, une réelle tension mais sans déformer l'ensemble et une finale suave. Très charmeur. »



La Revue du Vin de France – O. Poels – April 2017 / **Score : 16-17/20**
« Le plus puissant et constitué des vins produits par le château, avec une densité tannique historiquement imposante. L'équilibre est néanmoins tel que l'ensemble se fond parfaitement et que le fruit domine la bouche. »



Jancis Robinson – April 2017 / **Score : 16/20**

“Slightly weak rim on deep crimson. Interesting nose with a real undertow of sophistication (top-quality oak?). Then it's a tad severe on the palate and drying on the end. Lots of effort...” Drink: 2024-2036.



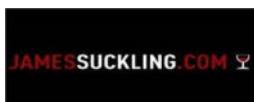
Terre de Vins – May 2017 / **Score : 15,5-16/20**

« Un côté sérieux, dense au nez, à l'image de sa robe intense. Une attaque tout en souplesse qui dévoile une matière délicate, peut-être un peu trop. Beau fruité et belle longueur. »



Bettane+Dessève – May 2017 / **Score : 92-93/100**

« Beau listrac, très soigné et équilibré qui manque encore un peu d'ouverture, mais avec une possibilité évidente de progresser encore par un élevage discipliné comme l'excellente équipe technique du château sait les conduire. »



JamesSuckling.com – March 2017 / **Score : 89-90/100**

“Tight and chewy with a medium body, medium tannins and a savory finish. A little lean now but this should fill out in the barrel.”



Decanter – Jane Anson – April 2017 / **Score : 92/100**

“I have been consistently impressed with the efforts and investment happening at this property since the Mommeja brothers took over (with Renaud very much taking the lead). This is tightly drawn and austere right now but the elements are all in place, showing good dark fruits, fresh acidity running through the palate, and rich, well integrated tannins. Good potential. Planted to 53% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon with the rest Cabernet Franc.” Drinking Window 2025 - 2038.