



## CHATEAU FOURCAS HOSTEN

*Vintage 2016*

## Tight & balanced



This vintage distinguishes itself with, first rainfalls' record in January and February (444mm) and then still high rainfalls in spring. Thanks to a mild weather window in an appropriate timing, flowering occurred remarkably during the second week of June. Some concerns appeared, however, with the mildew, but were quickly swept away thanks to a relatively dry summer – almost no rain until September 13th. This hot and dry summer builds the 2016 vintage's identity: a generous aromatic structure, where alcohol and acidity are well balanced.

This third vintage of Château Fourcas Hosten Blanc confirms our terroir potential high-quality dry white wines, with freshness, minerality and a beautiful tension.

The integration of Sémillon within the blend has also brought more volume and complexity.

### Grape harvest dates

- White Sauvignon: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Grey Sauvignon: September 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Sémillon: September 14<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

### Blending

- 75 % White Sauvignon
- 18 % Grey Sauvignon
- 7 % Sémillon

### Yield

25 hl/ha

### Ageing

- 28 % new barrels (2 of 300L and 2 of 400L)
- 45 % one-year barrels
- 27 % two-year barrels

### Production

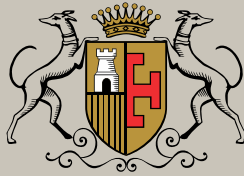
3.561 bottles

### Bottling date at the château

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### Alcoholic degree

13,5 % Vol.



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### Press Review

*Terre de Vins*



Terre de Vins – July 2017 / **Score : 15,5/20**

« La robe est cristalline, le nez floral (aubépine) plaisant. En bouche, une attaque tendre suivie d'un palais vif et d'une bonne sucrosité en milieu de bouche, parachevées par une fin de bouche acidulée voire légèrement frissante. Un bel équilibre général et une dégustation ascendante. »



The Wine Patriot – July 2017 / **Score : 96/100**

« Fleurs blanches, citronnelle, fruits blancs, amandes, attaque fraîche, bouche tendue et équilibrée, finale harmonieuse, appétente, précise, retro-olfaction idem que le nez. »



JamesSuckling.com – June 2017 / **Score : 91-92/100**

“Tight and fresh with citrus fruit and vibrant acidity. Solid core of fruit. Nicely done.”

Robert Parker – Neal Martin – June 2017 / **Score : 85-87/100**

“The 2016 Fourcas-Hosten is a blend of 75% Sauvignon Blanc, 18% Sauvignon Gris and 7% Sémillon. It has quite an attractive dried pineapple and linden-scented bouquet, almond developing with aeration. The palate is well balanced with touch of orange cordial and mango, though I find that this needs more depth on the finish.” Drink date: 2018-2023.



Le Guide des Meilleurs Vins de France 2019 / **Score: 15/20**

« Vous pouvez miser sur le duo 2015 et 2016, très expressifs et intenses. Le blanc 2016 affiche des notes de pêche de vigne, de fruits blancs et une belle rondeur en bouche. »



Jean-Marc Quarin – March 2017 / **Score : 15,5/20 (88/100)**