



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>
- Cabernet Sauvignon: from October 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>
- Cabernet Franc: October 17<sup>th</sup>

### 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

## WINE ENTHUSIAST

Wine Enthusiast – Roger Voss – April 2017 / **Score: 92/100**

« Barrel Sample. This wine has a ripe core, rich in black fruit tones and firm tannins. It is a structured wine, but at the same time it has supporting black-fruit flavors at the center. It should age well, and will probably be ready to drink after 2025 »

## Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator - March 2019 / **Score: 89/100**

## LE FIGARO

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



L'Express supplément / Anthocyanes / Gault&Millau  
Yohan Castaing – May/June 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.”



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. »



James Suckling - 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.”