



CHÂTEAU LE DOYENNÉ

2016



Appellation : Côtes de Bordeaux

Superficie : 8 hectares - Densité de plantation : 5500 à 6200 pieds/ha

Encépagement : 70 % merlot, 25 % cabernet sauvignon, 5 % cabernet franc

Age moyen des vignes : 25 ans

Sols : plateaux de graves et coteaux argilo-calcaires exposés sud-sud-ouest

Vinification parcellaire en cuves inox thermo-régulées de petits volumes

Elevage : en barriques (30% barriques neuves) pendant 15 mois dans chai climatisé

Assemblage 2016 - 65% Merlot, 30 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 5 % Cabernet Franc

Vin non collé, non filtré.

Oenologue : - Michel ROLLAND- Mikaël LAIZET

Wine Advocate – Neal Martin – 92

The 2016 Le Doyenné, Côtes de Bordeaux, has an understated but pure bouquet, with red cherries, boysenberry jam and violet aroma that unfurl nicely in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp acidity, fine structure, subtle but slightly tarry fruit and a gently but insistent grip on the finish. This is a fantastic wine that I look forward to re-tasting in the bottle. Drink 2019-2029.

Decanter - 91

75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc. Nudges open in the glass, taking its time then showing a richly sweet edge to the fruit. Lovely dark ruby colour, well balanced, nicely judged, firm but ripe black cassis and blackberry fruits, hedgerow traces without being underripe. Enjoyable. Michel Rolland consultant. Drink 2019-2026 Alc 14%

James Suckling –90

This crowd-pleaser is a ripe and rather fleshy wine for the appellation with plenty of blueberry character and soft tannins.

Vinous Neal Martin – 90-

The 2016 Le Doyenné has an airy bouquet, a mixture of red and black fruit tinged with rose petal and light tobacco aromas. The palate is very well balanced with crisp acidity, tightening up toward the more structured finish, which will need a couple of years to mellow. A well-crafted Côte de Bordeaux with good potential.

Wine Enthusiast- Roger Voss – 90

Ripe, smoky and with attractive fruits sustained by dark tannins, this wine comes from parcels that slope towards the river. Its concentration, rich black fruits and hints of dark chocolate and licorice all show potential. Drink from 2021.

Vinous- Antonio Galloni – 88 –

The 2016 Le Doyenné is a very pretty wine. Grilled herb, leather, smoke and dried flowers add aromatic nuance. The 2016 is a bit compact, but it is otherwise nicely done. I get a sense there is more potential here than is currently being realized. The 2016 offers very good persistence. All it needs is a bit more mid-palate texture.

Wine Spectator – 88 –

Fresh and focused, with unadorned cassis and cherry fruit notes flecked with savory hints and gilded with a light mineral echo on the finish Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2028.