

Château
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Château Venus 2016

2016's Vintage followed the Pattern of 2015's and brought an excellent vintage in Graves. Preserved from storms throughout the summer, the gravel region experienced homogeneous dry conditions throughout its territory. Since 2000, Bordeaux has not had such a hot weather since, and the climatic water deficit has reached records comparable to those of the 2005 or 2010 vintages in September.

And as for the great vintages, the water conditions were particularly favourable to the maturation of the seeds and tannins of the skins for the majority of the parcels of gravelly soils. Hot and dry, this summer allowed a rapid degradation of acids and especially malic acid with rather low Ph.

The only day of heavy rains was September 13, but it did not have a negative influence and allowed the red wines to mature again.



Appellation: red graves

Soil: gravels, deep gravels, sand

Surface: 8.5 hectares

Vineyard age: 20 years

Grapes Varieties: 70 % merlot, 30 % cabernet sauvignon

Density: 5 500 vine-plants / hectare

Yield: 49 hl/ha

Pruning: simple guyot

Soil work : plowing (no chemical products)

Work by hand : disbudding, green harvest, thinning out

Wine making process : cold macerations, fermentations in stainless steel tanks with temperature control

Maturing : 12 months in new barrels (20%) and barrels of one wine (French Oak)

90 Points Wine Enthusiast

This wine offers fine fruit, attractive acidity and touches of spice and dryness from the wood aging. It all hangs together, giving a wine that has a promising future as the tannins soften and the fruit asserts itself.

Drink from 2022. **ROGER VOSS**