



DOMAINES DELON

CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE LAS CASES
CLOS DU MARQUIS - CHÂTEAU NÉNIN - CHÂTEAU POTENSAC

FUGUE DE NÉNIN - 2016



2016

*Fugue
de Nénin*

ASSEMBLAGE / BLEND

Merlot 79%
Cabernet Franc 21%

DATE DE VENDANGE / HARVEST PERIOD

Du 23 Septembre au 13 Octobre 2016
from 23rd September to 13th October 2016

ANALYSES / LAB ANALYZES

Degré: 13,90%vol. - Acidité Totale: 3,58 - PH 3,63 - IPT 67
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LE MILLÉSIME / VINTAGE 2016

The year 2016 started off with the water tables full, thanks to the heavy rainfall from January to March. Three difficult months for the vineyard workers but which saved the day for this vintage! The mild temperatures in March ensured an early budburst but the colder, rainy mornings in April slowed down the growth cycle. From mid-June to mid-October, rainfall was well below the seasonal average. During the first two weeks of August, the colour change was short and even on each of the properties. The grapes developed in radiant, dry weather conditions. Light showers appeared in mid-September to re-boost the ripening process on the terroirs offering less water retention, thus perfecting the maturation of the tannins. The absolutely perfect weather conditions during harvest-time allowed us to pick grapes boasting remarkable quality.

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Le millésime 2016 démarre avec des réserves hydriques largement reconstituées grâce à d'importantes précipitations de janvier à mars. Des températures douces en mars assurent un débourrement précoce de la vigne alors qu'avril est ponctué de matinées froides et pluvieuses donnant lieu à une pousse végétative ralentie. De mi-juin à mi-octobre, les pluviométries sont bien en dessous des normales saisonnières. Durant la première quinzaine d'août, la véraison est rapide et homogène sur les trois propriétés. Quelques pluies éparses mi-septembre surviennent, permettant de débloquer les terroirs les plus filtrants. Les parfaites conditions climatiques durant les vendanges nous permettent de récolter des raisins d'une qualité remarquable.

NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION / TASTING NOTES

JEB DUNNUCK

90/100

The second wine of the estate, (') sees a slightly shorter time in oak. This elegant, medium-bodied, impressively balanced 2016 has a fleshy, forward style as well as classic damp earth, lead pencil, cedar, and tobacco aromas and flavors. It's a delicious, easy-drinking wine that's going to deliver ample pleasure over the coming decade. 28 February 2019.

THE WINE DOCTOR / CHRIS KISSACK

91/100

The second wine, (') largely from young vines on the plateau, and those planted on more sandy soils around the château, including some old Cabernet Franc close to the road. ('). An attractive fruit-fresh nose, reminiscent of black cherry skin, cherry stone and coffee bean, but there is a Cabernet lift here as well, with little twists of pencil shaving and old school desk. A really convincing texture here for a second wine, presenting a dense and polished substance, the wine certainly full in the middle, with dark fruits grained with coffee and cocoa oak, while underneath there is a subtle grain of tannins and fresh acidity. Give

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NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION / TASTING NOTES - SUITE

this a couple of years and it should be drinking very well.
17 January 2019

WINE ADVOCATE / LISA PERROTTI BROWN

90/100

Blended of 79% Merlot and 21% Cabernet Franc, the deep garnet-purple colored 2016 Fugue de Nénin reveals plum preserves, baked black berries and black cherries with wafts of cigar box and pencil lead. Medium to full-bodied, plush and packed with black fruit and minty layers, it finishes long.

November 2018

WINE SPECTATOR / JAMES MOLESWORTH

90/100

This has a seductive feel, with velvety plum and raspberry compote notes stretching from start to finish while light floral, anise and apple wood accents chime in and out. Nice integration through the finish. Best from 2022 through 2032. 6,250 cases made.

BETANE ET DESSEAUVE

92/100

Grand charme au nez avec une profondeur de fruits noirs et une délicatesse florale, les tanins sont séducteurs avec un bel enrobage et une fraîcheur savoureuse, belle réussite. La plus forte proportion de cabernet franc donne plus d'assise au cru.

JACQUES PERRIN (VINIFERA)

92/100

JAMES SUCKLING

92-93/100

A full and juicy red with plums and dark berries plus hints

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of stones and minerals. Round and generous. Second wine of Nénin.

JANCIS ROBINSON

16,5/20

PAOLO BARACCHINO

88-90/100

Robe rouge pourpre. Un premier nez qui révèle un plaisant arôme de cerise, en évolution menthe, eucalyptus, tiroir des médicaments, poivre noir et noix de muscade. Bien équilibré, en bouche saveurs de cerise et pomme rouge. Structure moyenne, les tanins sont doux, assez intenses (5/6--), soyeux. Assez longue persistance, finale de cerise.

THE WINE DOCTOR

15-16/20

"It has a fresh, black cherry perfume, very typical of the vintage."

TIM ATKIN

91/100

VINOUS / ANTONIO GALLONI

90/100

The 2016 Fugue de Nénin is pretty and lifted, with lovely aromatic presence from the 21% Cabernet Franc in the blend. Bright floral and savory notes lift the red berry fruit nicely in this mid-weight, attractive second wine from Nénin.

January 2019

VINOUS / NEAL MARTIN

88/100

Picked over eight days between September 23 and October

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13, the 2016 Fugue de Nénin has a generous bouquet of blackberry and light briary aromas, nicely defined and demonstrating great clarity for a second wine. The palate is medium-bodied with a fresh entry, good backbone and nice focus. It's just missing a little persistence on the finish. Otherwise, this is a decent Pomerol.

January 2019

YVES BECK

91-93/100

Pourpre violacé. Bouquet de bonne intensité révélant du fruit et de la minéralité. Notes épicées, touche florale. Attaque élégante, friande. Les tanins se révèlent lentement et forment une très belle base pour l'avenir de ce vin qui s'avère être une grande réussite.

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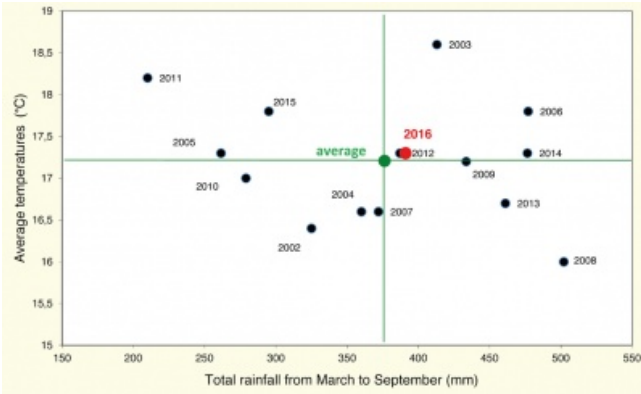


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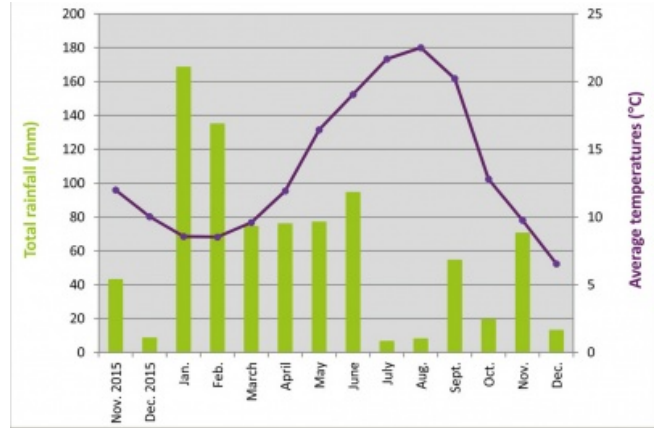
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Comparatif des températures et précipitations sur la période végétative : du 1er mars au 31 octobre / Comparison of temperatures and rainfall during the growth cycle : from 1st March to 31st October



Pluviométrie et températures en 2016 / Total rainfall and average temperatures in 2016



Stades phénologiques / Phenological cycle



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