

Château COUHINS

CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES

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Château Couhins Blanc, Pessac-Léognan 2016

Cru Classé de Graves

- **Jancis Robinson: 17 / 20**

“Sweet nose and a strong green streak. Lots of life and vivacity. Solid and well balanced. A good effort. Dry and with lots of green acidity but no extraneous elements. Impressive length. Drink 2019-2024

- **The Wine Enthusiast: 90-92 / 100**

“Barrel Sample. This soft, light wine is likely to be attractively drinkable by 2020. It's a forward, fruity wine, with final touches of citrus and spice.” Roger Voss

- **James Suckling: 90-91 / 100**

“Lots of sliced-green-apple, pear and lemon character. Medium to full body. Layered and fresh. Like it.”

- **Tim Atkin: 91 / 100**

“One of very few Pessac-Léognan whites that includes no Semillon, this has less Sauvignon Gris than in 2015, but is still sappy, fresh and taut. There is quite a bit of wood right now, but the smoky oak should melt into the wine with time.”

- **Decanter: 89 / 100**

“This is a lovely white wine with bright, nicely delivered fragrant citrus fruit. A clear success in the vintage although the mid-palate slows things down a little.”

- **Chris Kissack: 15,5-16,5 / 20 (91-93 / 100)**

“This is certainly classically styled, a slightly varietal Sauvignon nose with a touch of grass here, and a little white peach behind. The palate is fresh, showing the bright character seen on the nose, with a very pure fruit layer too, with white peach and white pear, along with kumquat and lychee too. Plenty of energy here, a sour and bright acid freshness. with a real textural, powdery substance. After a slightly shaky varietal start, I have to conclude that on the palate this is showing really well.”

- **Jean-Marc Quarin: 15 / 20**

“Couleur pâle. Nez fruité, pur et vif. Notes de pêche et de poire. Vin délicieux et plus suave (moins vif) que de coutume. Finale parfumée, puissance moyenne.”

- **Jacques Dupont: 15 / 20**

“Floral, fruits jaunes, fin, suave, bien vif, note agrumes en bouche, gourmand, équilibré”

- **Vinum: 17,5 / 20**



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Château Couhins Rouge, Pessac-Léognan 2016



- **Jancis Robinson : 17/20**

« Mid to dark crimson. Rich, sweet start (very ripe grapes?). Almost right bank-like. Lots of work has gone into this but there seems to be a bit of alcohol on the end. Then some lightly drying tannins but you can't fault the ambition. Drink 2025-2038

- **The Wine Enthusiast : 92-94 / 100**

« Barrel Sample. This wine is juicy, full of attractive fruit with soft tannins and a generous character. It has a touch of spice as well as layers of black currant. This is probably for medium-term aging. » Roger Voss

- **Neal Martin : 90-92 / 100**

- **Decanter : 91 / 100**

A property that works closely with INRA agricultural research body and Bordeaux's Institute of Wine and Vine Science. This is a name to follow that I have been increasingly impressed with over recent years, and in the 2016 red they are teasing out the balance between plump fruits and the slightly intellectual reserve of the vintage's fresh acidity. I love this for its juicy, luscious fresh fruits. The tannins are chalky, and even a bit chewy right now

- **James Suckling : 91-92 / 100**

« A firm and tight wine with plum, earth and berry character. Medium to full body and chewy tannins. Elevation will soften the wine. »

- **Chris Kissack : 16-17 / 20 (92-94 / 100)**

« Aromatically this leads with sweet red cherry fruit, lifted with notes of raspberry and red plum. It has a perfumed, glossy, rather polished palate, with essence of red cherry and plum fruits, laced with a little praline and smoke complexity, textural but also fresh, a little more open and accessible than some. Charming, certainly bright, well defined, with ripe grippy tannins sitting within this soft, open body, framed by fresh and vibrant acidity. »

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- **Jean-Marc Quarin : 15,5/20**

« Couleur sombre, intense, pourpre. Nez fruité de type mûr. Bouche particulièrement fruitée, savoureuse, au corps élancé qui s'étire sur une finale un tantinet stricte. Longueur normale. »

- **Tim Atkin : 93/100**

« This is a fragrant, beautifully judged, four-way blend that's so fresh and well balanced that you could almost drink it straight from the barrel. But that would be an error, because it has the focus and understated tannic backbone to age well. »

- **RVF : 15 – 16/20**

« Les cabernets-sauvignon (récoltés entre le 12 et le 20 octobre) prennent le dessus dans l'assemblage avec une dose infime de petit verdot. Ce vin s'impose par sa finesse tannique et un joli crémeux, même s'il est encore marqué par une légère prise de bois (35% de bois neuf, un tiers de futs de deux vins et le reste en cuves) »

- **Jacques Dupont : 15,5-16/20**

« Cerise amarena, délicat, fin, tanins séveux, floral, finale tendu, précise, de la gourmandise. »

- **Vinum : 16,5/20**

