

Château Gruaud Larose

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| Millésime : | 2015 |
| Appellatie : | AOC Saint-Julien |
| Domein : | Château Gruaud Larose 2 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé |

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| Oppervlakte : | 82 ha |
| Druivensoorten : | 60% Cabernet Sauvignon 31% Merlot 9% Cabernet Franc |

Gemiddelde leeftijd van de wijnranken: 46 jaar

Dichtheid van de beplanting: 10 000 à 8 500/Ha

Bodem : steen met een klei-kalkbodem in de ondergrond

Vinificatie:

Oogst vond plaats tussen 21 september en 2 oktober. Vinificatie in 50% houten vaten en 50% betonnen vaten onder temperatuurcontrole. Maceratie gedurende 20 à 30 dagen.

Rijping: Gedurende 18 à 24 maanden in houten vaten (80% nieuw, de rest van 1 wijn).

Alcoholgehalte: 13,15%



02/03/2018 WINE ADVOCATE (NEAL MARTIN) : 92 / 100



The 2015 Gruaud Larose has a clean and precise bouquet, a little more sophisticated than it showed out of barrel. It seems to have manifested greater mineralité and delineation that enhances the vivid blackberry and bilberry fruit infused with cedar. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grain tannin, blackberry infused with graphite and cedar that render this Gruaud Larose almost Pauillac in style. No, it does not provide that killer blow on the finish, preferring to remain quite linear and taut (unlike the 2016 that may prove to be superior). Yet this shows careful, judicious winemaking and it may continue to improve in bottle. Anticipated maturity: 2022 - 2050.

27/02/2018 VINOUS (ANTONIO GALLONI) : 93 / 100



Dark, powerful and brooding, the 2015 Gruaud-Larose is a real bruiser. Iron, gravel, smoke, mocha and licorice wrap around a core of intense dark fruit, all with a backbone of big, rustic tannins that give the wine its shape. The 2015 needs a good few years to come together. There is certainly no shortage of personality or character.

22/02/2018 WINE ADVOCATE (LISA PERROTTI-BROWN) : 93 / 100



Medium garnet-purple colored, the 2015 Gruaud Larose simply sparkles with bright, vibrant red cherries, ripe raspberries and fresh black currants notes with underlying suggestions of cinnamon stick, rose petals, fallen leaves and dried Provence herbs. Medium to full-bodied and possessing tightly wound red and black fruits layers intermingled with spicy accents, it has a firm, grainy frame and great vivacity, finishing long and perfumed. I'm probably being too conservative with my score here and expect this could blossom in 4-8 years into an even more impressive beauty!

15/02/2018 WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES MOLESWORTH) : 92 / 100



This has a serious graphite spine, along with beautiful beams of black currant, bitter plum and blackberry paste flavors. Dried anise, black tea and licorice snap notes lurk in the background. The finish is long and gilded with a violet accent. Best from 2021 through 2035. 13,343 cases made. —JM

12/02/2018 JAMESSUCKLING.COM (JAMES SUCKLING) : 95 / 100



Concentrated and elegant with a great harmony of dry tannins and ripeness (but no hint of overripeness), this has a long finish with a lot of drive and enormous freshness. You could drink this now with red meat, but it's got decades ahead of it.

26/01/2018 DECANTER.COM (JANE ANSON) : 94 / 100



Excellent depth and complexity of fruit on the attack, with just a touch of austerity as it travels through the palate. After a few minutes, the fleshy fruit aromatics break through. This is elegant and balanced, a classic, old-school St-Julien. 80% new oak.

08/11/2017 JANCIS ROBINSON (JULIA HARDING MW) : 17,5 / 20



Rather heady, superior nose. Layers here. Very juicy and appealing. Good lifted, non-exaggerated stuff. Still very youthful.

31/05/2016 VINIFERA : 4 / 5



Beau nez intense, profond, racé. Assez volumineux, il se distingue par sa chair ample, son toucher de bouche soyeux, son tanin buriné et sa finale soutenue, réglissée.

30/04/2016 THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER (JEFF LEVE) : 90-92 / 100



With a medium body and on the bright, red berry side of the style range with cedar and cigar box notes adding complexity, there is a freshness to the fruit, but it is on the lighter side for the vintage.

29/04/2016 WINE ADVOCATE (NEAL MARTIN) : 90-92 / 100



The 2015 Gruaud Larose is a blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot and 9% Cabernet Franc, picked from 21 September. It has a rather conservative bouquet, reticent at first, gradually unfolding with truffle-tinged black fruit, the oak nicely integrated but perhaps needing a little more energy. The palate is ripe and rounded on the entry, fleshier than many of its Saint Julien counterparts, quite sumptuous in terms of mouthfeel with a suave texture. There is a sense of linearity here, a strictness that particularly comes through on the finish. The purity is commendable and the tannin, fine, but what it needs is that final flourish. It just misses that killer blow on the finish and saunters to its conclusion. I hope that it gains more in barrel.

29/04/2016 WINE ADVOCATE (NEAL MARTIN) : 84-86 / 100



The 2015 Sarget de Gruaud-Larose is a blend of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc and 8% Petit Verdot. It has a modest nose, rather tight and a little distant at the moment, with dusky black fruit, rather introverted in style. The palate is medium-bodied with slightly coarse tannin, moderate depth but requiring more breeding to come through on the finish.

28/04/2016 BETTANE & DESSEAUVE : 18-18,5 / 20



Une jeune et très précise maître de chai n'a pas manqué le rendez-vous avec le millésime. Gruaud retrouve, avec une pureté dont il faut se réjouir, toute la finesse de son terroir et associe plénitude de constitution et fruité plus proche du raisin que tous les autres saint-julien, avec en retour de bouche un tannin très noble, de type cèdre plus classique du secteur. Grand potentiel et, pour un vin de cette classe, sans doute un excellent rapport qualité-prix.

27/04/2016 DECANTER.COM (STEVEN SPURRIER) : 94 / 100



Very fine florality and purity on first impression – less of the meatiness of past vintages. The classic Gruaud-Larose smoothness is there along with added precision. Great attention to detail; a very fine claret. 2021-2045

20/04/2016 TIMATKIN.COM (TIM ATKIN MW) : 95 / 100

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18/04/2016 JANCIS ROBINSON (JANCIS ROBINSON) : 17 /

ROBINSON

Mid crimson. Mild, well-balanced nose. Ripe but not overripe. Neat and confident. A good expression of a charming accessible vintage. Neat and comfortable. Drink 2024-2038

15/04/2016 WINE ENTHUSIAST (ROGER VOSS) : 92-94 / 100



Barrel Sample. Red-berry driven, this wine is fresh in character, with a stream of acidity counterbalanced by structured tannins. 93 points

10/04/2016 RENÉ GABRIEL : 18 / 20

RENÉ
GABRIEL

81 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 29 % Merlot, 7 % Cabernet Franc, 3 % Petit Verdot. Tiefes Purpur, satt in der Mitte, Granatschimmer am Rand. Würziges Bouquet, zeigt eine kühle, aromatische Ausstrahlung, blaue Beeren, Lakritze und Tabak. Im Gaumen feiner als sonst, geschmeidiges Extrakt mit wunderbar integrierter Säure und passender Balance, aromatisches Finale. Ein feminin anmutender und doch kräftiger Graud-Larose mit vielen Finessen. Ein grosses Bravo für die Vinifikation. 18/20 2024 – 2055

05/04/2016 JAMES SUCKLING.COM (JAMES SUCKLING) : 93-94 / 100

JAMES
SUCKLING

A velvety and flavorful red with dusty tannins and lots of ripe fruit. It remains fresh and balanced. Harmonious. Excited to see it develop in barrel.

03/04/2016 WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES MOLESWORTH) : 88-91 / 100

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Nicely focused, with a beam of red and black currant fruit inlaid with subtle spice notes and carried by velvety tannins. A little shy on range, but this is solidly built. —J.M.

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Sol : Graves garonnaises du 4^{ème} déposées depuis plus de 600.000 ans. Sous-sol argilo-calcaire.

Vinification :

Vendanges entre le 21 septembre et le 2 octobre. Vinification en cuves ciment (50%) et cuves bois (50%) avec thermo régulation. Macération pendant 20 à 30 jours.

Elevage : En barriques neuves (80%), le reste d'un ans, pendant 18 à 24 mois.

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