

# CHATEAU DE CRUZEAU



## Château de Cruzeau Red 2023

AOC Pessac-Léognan, Bordeaux, France

### PRESENTATION

Château de Cruzeau is situated on superb gravelly hilltops, perfectly oriented, and benefits from ideal natural conditions for growing vines. Its red wines are always fine and elegant, the perfect expression of the exceptional terroir of Pessac-Léognan. Delicately spicy, with notes of truffle and undergrowth, these modern, charming wines are particularly well-balanced, with freshness, a lovely structure and delicious fruit aromas.

### THE VINTAGE

#### WEATHER CONDITIONS

2023 was marked by a uniform start to vegetation: bud-break dates returned to normal, foliage developed rapidly and the bunches emerged beautifully. Heavy rainfall in the spring tarnished the start of the season somewhat, with mildew appearing in places. There was no hot summer in 2023, but relatively cool nights and warm but not excessively hot days in July and August created ideal ripening conditions for the grapes, which produced remarkable aromatic potential.

#### HARVEST

11 September - 05 October 2023

### THE WINE

#### VARIETALS

Merlot 50%, Cabernet sauvignon 50%

#### ALCOHOL CONTENT

13 % vol.

#### TASTING

Intense purple colour.

The nose is discreet at first, but after airing develops rich aromas of very ripe black plums, enhanced by subtle notes of toast and melting caramel.

On the palate, the wine is remarkably well-balanced, with velvety tannins underpinning an elegant sweetness that is both rich and enveloping.

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

Duck breast with prunes, osso buco de veau, pasta with porcini mushrooms and roasted garlic.

#### SERVING

Serve between 15°C and 17°C

#### AGEING POTENTIAL

10 to 15 years



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### THE VINEYARD

#### TERROIR

Ridges with deep gravel.

#### SURFACE AREA OF THE VINEYARD

175.44 ha

#### AGE OF VINES

19 years old

#### IN THE VINEYARD

Pruning type: Double guyot with debudding.

Grape Harvest: mechanical.

### THE CELLAR

#### WINEMAKING

In stainless-steel temperature-controlled tanks with patented cap-breaking system.

#### AGEING

For 12 months in oak barrels (30-40% new) with racking each trimester.

### REVIEWS AND AWARDS

**Tim  
Atkin** MW

"Bright vibrant violet and blackcurrant fruit. The assemblage in 2023 is almost the exact opposite of the 2022 - a legacy as Jacques says, of the sheer quality of Cabernet in this vintage. Lovely vibrant cassis and raspberry fruit flavours. Good depth and length. (Tasted en primeur)"

Rod Smith, Tim Atkin, 15/05/2024

92/100

BERNARD  
**BURTSCHY**  
Ph.D.

"(Tasted en primeur)"

Bernard Burtschy, Bernard Burtschy, 02/05/2024

92-93/100



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