Château Couhins-Lurton

Château Couhins-Lurton Red 2016

AOC Pessac-Léognan, Bordeaux, France

PRESENTATION

Château Couhins-Lurton is the emblematic estate of the André Lurton family. With a sublime terroir of gravel and clay, the red wines are made from fruity and smooth Merlot grapes of great elegance and a sophisticated smokiness.

THE VINTAGE

WEATHER CONDITIONS

2016 was one of the finest vintages in the past 20 years. Winter was exceptionally wet and mild, and it rained a great deal in spring until June. However, the weather changed radically in mid-June, turning warm and quite dry, with cool nights. Ideal conditions for growing excellent wine grapes!

HARVEST

09/27/ 2016

THE WINE

VARIETALS

Merlot 85%, Cabernet sauvignon 15%

ALCOHOL CONTENT

13.5 % vol.

TASTING

Its brilliant, deep colour is almost garnet-red.
The bouquet is beautifully complex, with ripe, slightly jammy, black-berry fruit (blackberry, black plum) and toasty overtones.
On the palate, it is particularly attractive, elegant wine, offering an initial impression of softness, lovely length and remarkable concentration, as well as subtle balance... all indicative of its excellent ageing potential.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Roast duck with cranberries, pork tenderloin with mushrooms.

SERVING

Serve between 16°C and 18°C.

AGEING POTENTIAL

10 to 15 years

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THE VINEYARD

TERROIR

Gravel

SURFACE AREA OF THE VINEYARD

16 ha

AGE OF VINES

25 years old

IN THE VINEYARD

Pruning type: Double guyot with debudding
Grape Harvest: By hand

THE CELLAR

WINEMAKING

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

AGEING

For 12 months in oak barrels (40% new) with racking.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

"This wine is ripe, spicy and full of tannins. It is impressive, with nice complexity and a firm structure that suggest a great future." — 94 - 96/100
Roger Voss, The Wine Enthusiast, 12/04/2017

Decanter

"Les 16 ha de Couhins-Lurton, le fleuron des domaines André Lurton à Pessac-Léognan, sont constitués de graves et plantés de 75 % de merlot et 25 % de cabernet sauvignon. C'est un très joli vin, agréablement tendu et plein de grâce. Avec ses saveurs extrêmement élégantes de mûre et de quetsche, il offre un potentiel de garde certain et reste à un prix raisonnable. Douze mois en barrique avec jusqu'à 75 % de bois neuf. À boire entre 2025 et 2040." — 93/100
Jane Anson, Decanter, 03/04/2017

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"The 16ha jewel in André Lurton's Pessac-Léognan crown, Couhins-Lurton is on gravelly soils planted to 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon. It carries itself extremely well, a lovely wine with tension and grace. Supremely elegant blackberry and damson fruits on the palate, this is sure to age beautifully and is still a reasonable price. 12 months in barrel with up to 75% new oak. Drinking Window 2025 – 2040." — 93/100
Jane Anson, Decanter, 03/04/2017

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"Full and tannic now as it should be with blackberry, currant and wet-earth character. Impressive intensity." — 91 - 92/100
James Suckling, 27/03/2017

"A slight vanilla aspect on the nose also conveys dark fruit. I like the breadth on the palate, with dark fruit and plum. There is Cabernet structure. It lacks the focus and length of some of the top wines here; but a nice wine indeed." — 91/100
Panos Kakaviatos, The Wine Chronicles, 11/03/2019

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