



Château Haut La Valette

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Your main character trait ?

I'm discerning

Your favourite thing about wine ?

Conviviality with wine, sharing

The quality you most appreciate in friends ?

Frankness and honesty

Your best tasting memory ?

A Muscat de Riversaltes

In my family, winegrowing is a passion passed on from father to son. I very soon followed in the footsteps of my father, who owned a 10 hectare estate, by founding Château Haut La Valette in 1978. Over the years I have joined the two estates together to make a 22 hectare family-run vineyard. The most satisfying thing today is to be able to work with my son, who has joined me at the Château after studying winegrowing and winemaking, and work experience in several different appellations. Our characters are complementary, and his presence helps to invigorate and perpetuate a family heritage that I'm attached to.



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BLAYE CÔTES DE BORDEAUX

Village : Cars

Total surface of the vineyard : 23 hectares

Type of soils : Primarily clay limestone soils followed by sandy clay and red clay soils

Blend of grape varieties : 75 % Merlot, 15 % Malbec and 10 % Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine vinification : Yeasting, pumping over and delestage adapted to suit the structure of the wine. Full control of temperatures. Three weeks' fermentation. Aged in stainless steel vats.

Tasting notes : Purple in colour, it opens with generous notes of fresh summer berries on the nose. The mouth is rich with powerful tannins that fade into aromas of very ripe redcurrants. As a whole it is perfectly balanced and lively with marked sweetness. An accomplished, classic style that highlights the appellation's finest terroirs.

Wine and Food pairing : White meats with sauce

Awards :

Vintage 2015 : Gold medal Gilbert & Gaillard 2016, Gold medal Sakura Awards 2016, Silver medal AWC Vienna 2016

Vintage 2016 : Gold medal Frankfurt International Wine Trophy 2017, Silver medal Concours Mondial des Vins de Féminalise 2017