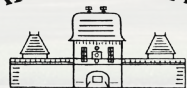




CHATEAU DE SALES



2015 | 2016 | 2017

**Château de Sales** is the largest estate in the Pomerol appellation and has been owned by the same family for more than five hundred years.

Located 35 km east of Bordeaux, the vineyard of Château de Sales is situated in the north western part of Pomerol. The soils of Château de Sales are comprised of fine gravel and sand, with clay in some areas and an omnipresence of iron oxide, known locally as “crasse de fer”. Traditional growing methods are applied, as well as supervised control in order to reduce vine treatments (gender confusion, for instance, to avoid using insecticides) and ensure a harvest of healthy, ripe grapes. After de-stemming and crushing, alcoholic fermentation takes place in concrete tanks equipped with temperature regulation.

The wine is then aged for 12-18 months in French oak barrels, of which only one third are new, in order to avoid any aggressive wood flavors and to preserve the brightness of the fruit.

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93 pts

**2015**

Still maturing, this wine shows ripe black fruits as well as a lower layer of tannins. Concentration, spice and smokiness are part of a harmonious, balanced wine, full bodied and with a good future. Drink from 2021.

93 pts

**2016**

At this stage, this wine is all about the tannins that dominate the black fruits. But fruit weight is there, promising good things as the wine matures. Smoky wood and blackberry flavors are set against a solid structure. There is potential here, so let the wine soften and mature. Drink from 2024.

92 pts

**2017**

Rich and full in the mouth, ripe Merlot sings in this black-fruited wine. Young tannins give the wine weight and bring out the juicy, ripe fruits. The wine is just coming into balance, but wait until 2023.

