
Château Francs Magnus 2016

CSPC# 813882

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

Appellation

Bordeaux Supérieur

Website

No website

General Info

Acquired in 2011 by Arnaud Roux-Oulié, Château Francs Magnus benefits from a prestigious heritage of winemaking. This Bordeaux Supérieur has a superb location, extending over a vineyard of 13 hectares, all in one, planted in calcareous soil. With wines that have distinguished themselves through their precision, elegance and minerality in recent vintages, Château Francs Magnus is an important reference indeed, guaranteed to please lovers of Bordeaux wines.

Winemakers

Arnaud Roux-Oulié

Vintage

A complicated start: heavy rains during winter and springtime (double the normal amount) have put a lot of pressure from diseases. Luck was on our side: after 15 days of rain in June, the flowering stage, an essential step, took place in a very homogeneous and rapid way suggesting a generous harvest
A fantastic Summer: a long period from mid-June to mid-September without a drop of water generates a water constraint propitious for the concentration of the grapes and therefore to the density of the wine. The accumulated rainwater reserves and the cool nights (favorable for the preservation of aromas) allowed the berries to ripen without difficulty. The storms of mid-September, which we needed to finish the process of maturation of the plant, allowed an unexpected end of maturity. The warm summer in many cases gave these wines an extra level of juiciness that makes them incredibly appealing.

Vineyards

Château Francs Magnus is a 12-hectare estate located in the Bordeaux Supérieur appellation. Owned by Arnaud Roux-Oulié, this vineyard benefits from clay-limestone parcels and a limestone plateau on quarries.

Maturation

Aged 10 month in French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

Produced from a blend of 95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc, the Château Francs Magnus 2016 is very intense, with an inky color. Concentrated, this wine offers from the very beginning a richness and aromatic power of pleasant aromas, essentially dominated by crushed blackcurrants and black berries. After breathing a bit, the bouquet evolves, offering a perfume of balsamic and Lebanese cedar. The palate is soft with a breadth of superb tannins, very refined. Very pleasant.

Serve with

Pairs well with everyday fare; pizza, pasta with meatballs or burgers

Production

80,000 bottles

Cellaring

Drink 2018-22

Scores/Awards

91-92 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2017

89 points - Tim Appelt, [Wine Discovery \(LCBO\)](http://WineDiscovery.com) - December 2018

Reviews

"Plenty of good fruit here with ripe tannins and a berry, light vanilla character. Medium-bodied, clean and bright. Better than the 2015. Score - 91-92."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Here's a pleasant, lighter-bodied Bordeaux blend based on Merlot, nicely structured, with bright acidity and fine, lightly textured tannins. I like the black cherry, blackberry and black currant fruit that's bright and fresh, with just a hint of vanilla, spice and forest floor. Fresh, crisp and ready to drink, it will be a delight with food — what I call a Tuesday night wine, although I'd drink this any evening."
- TA, [Wine Discovery](http://WineDiscovery.com)

