



Château Canon, Saint-Émilion 1er Grand Cru Classé 2016

Producent:	Château Canon
Område:	Bordeaux
Land:	Frankrig
Alkohol:	14,0
Drue:	Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot

Siden Château Canon i 1996 blev opkøbt af de pengestærke brødre Alain - og Gérard Wertheimer har dette historiske slot været igennem en regulær forvandling. Wertheimer-brødrene er især kendte for deres aktiemajoritet i Chanel Group, hvorfor det da heller ikke var overraskende, at der ved deres overtagelse ville ske store forandringer.

John Kolasa blev ansat som direktør og et alt-omfattende restaureringsprojekt blev igangsat. Man ville ganske simpelt lave den bedst mulige vin fra slottets velansete terroirs, der med få gode undtagelser indtil da ikke havde leveret alt for stabile resultater. Derfor skulle både marker og bygninger restaureres. Og det er netop disse initiativer, der nu langsomt bærer frugt, hvorfor Château Canon nu befinder sig i Saint-Émilions absolutte superliga.

I dag er John Kolasa trådt tilbage og erstattet med Nicolas Audebert. Audebert har før begået sig hos LMVH-gruppen hos KRUG og som vinmager hos Château des Andes i Mendoza.

Château Canon er da også i besiddelse af særdeles attraktive og kalkstensholdige vinmarker på plateauet i [Saint-Émilion](#), der ligger højt med udsigt over selve byen, hvorfor potentialet til at lave fremragende vine bestemt har været til stede.

Markerne tæller 34 ha, hvoraf kun 24 er reserveret til førstevinen.

Vinstokkene har siden restaureringens start løbende været igennem en udskiftning, hvorfor gennemsnitsalderen på



vinene indtil videre kun er ca. 30 år. Vinifikationen foregår under temperaturkontrollerede forhold på stål, mens den malolaktiske konvertering sker på 1/3 nye fade og 2/3 rustfrit stål. Slutteligt lagrer vinen i 18 måneder på mediumtoastede, franske fade, hvoraf 50% er nye.

Vinbeskrivelse:

Robert Parker - Wine Advocate 98+ point

"Composed of 74% Merlot and 26% Cabernet Franc and aged for 18 months in 70% new French barriques, the 2016 Canon is medium to deep garnet-purple in color, and—WOW—it opens with the most stunning perfume of violets, red roses and kirsch, giving way to a core of black cherry preserves, chocolate box, licorice, warm plums and Chinese five spice plus an earthy waft of underbrush. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is completely filled with expressive, perfumed black berry layers accented by lively red fruits and exotic spices, supported by impressively fine-grained tannins and fantastic tension, finishing very long with jaw-dropping energy. Tasted three times, I had one opportunity to taste the 2015 and 2016 Canon side by side. While I love the bold, rich, seductive nature of the 2015, this 2016 kicks it up a notch in terms of polish, precision, depth and persistence. Most notably, the superbly ripe, exquisitely fine-grained tannins on this 2016 bring to the table a whole other level of sophistication. Bravo!"

Decanter 97 point

"This vintage delivers a beautiful, classic style of Canon that is right at the top of what St-Émilion can offer. Compact and dense without being hard, it is finely structured both in terms of the texture of the cassis and blackberry fruits and in the shape of the tannins. It demonstrates a clear minerality and a feather-brushing of violet notes. This is less obviously sexy than 2015, but is a wine that offers a masterclass in what limestone terroir can convey - salinity, succulence, hints of austerity and reserves of power. I retasted it a few times, and the main take away of what to expect is layers of flavour and huge persistency. The details of how they worked the vintage are an added bonus to understanding how they achieved this result. When it started getting hot and dry, they left all green cover on the vines, and did no green harvesting except tidying up in September. The result was loading the vines to avoid over-concentration. 72% Merlot and 28% Cabernet Franc, with the final blend aged in 70% new oak"

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Decanter:	97 point
James Suckling:	97 point
Wine Spectator:	95 point