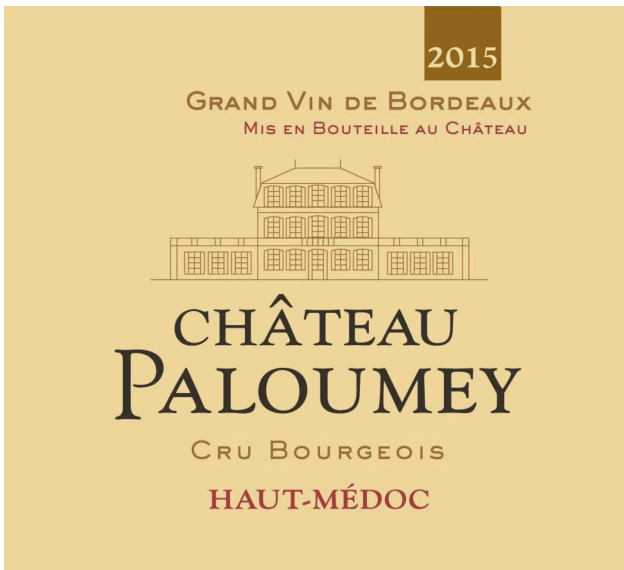


VIGNOBLES PALOUMEY

CHÂTEAU LA BESSANE - CHÂTEAU PALOUMEY - CHÂTEAU LA GARRICQ



CHÂTEAU PALOUMEY 2015

Appellation : Haut-Médoc

Cru Bourgeois du Médoc

City : Ludon-Médoc

Owner : S.A. Château Paloumey

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Surface : 34 ha

CEO : Martine Cazeneuve

Consultant Winemaker : Daniel Llose

Cellar Master : Pascal Lamarque

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Viticulture

- Grape varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon 55% / Merlot 42% / Cabernet Franc 3%
- Soil: Garonne gravels from the quaternary period
- Average age of vines: 24 years old
- Planting density : 7200 vines/ha
- Sustainable viticulture
- Bud pruning, desuckering, deleafing and green harvest when necessary

Winemaking

- Harvest: manual and by machine
 - Double sorting: mechanical then manual on a vibrating table
 - Vinification plot by plot; fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks (40 to 180 hl). Post fermentation maceration between 20 and 26 days. Malolactic fermentation: 30% done in new oak barrels
 - Aging : 12 months in oak barrels; 30% new oak
- Follow-up of barrels' quality: blind testing every 4 months.
- Racking every 4 months

Bottling

- Egg-white fining
- No filtering before bottling

When Martine Cazeneuve purchased Château Paloumey in 1990, in partnership with the company François Charles Oberthur, her goal was to revive a forgotten chateau with a prestigious terroir located next to the famous Châteaux La Lagune and Cantemerle. Replanting the vineyard and rebuilding cellars have been a tremendous challenge to achieve the highest quality possible for Paloumey wines. After years of hard work, commitment and passion, the estate was brought back to life and now extends over 34 hectares. Always striving for excellence in winemaking and viticulture, Château Paloumey is known for its elegant style and is one of the leading wines of the appellation.

2015 VINTAGE

2015 profile: A fruity and elegant vintage

2015 winter was mild, neither too wet nor too cold until a last cold snap which delayed the budburst. The thaw that followed allowed the vines to catch up and we got almost exceptional conditions for the flowering. Thanks to the hot and sunny weather of July, we sprayed very little. Vines did not suffer from water stress due to the reserves accumulated in the past years. After a quick and uniform véraison, we welcomed a few rainy days in August. The beginning of September, especially hot and dry the Southern Médoc, increased our hopes for a great vintage! Harvest began on September 17th. Heat combined with a north wind gave us the chance to decide on harvest dates more accurately, tasting berries from our different plots every day. The merlot grapes really impressed us this year. The 2015 vintage is definitely meeting our expectations showing a deep colour, intense fruity aromas and a nice body.

Harvest dates:

Merlot: from September 17th to September 25th

Cabernet Sauvignon: from September 28th to October 7th

Yield: 49hl/ha

Blend:

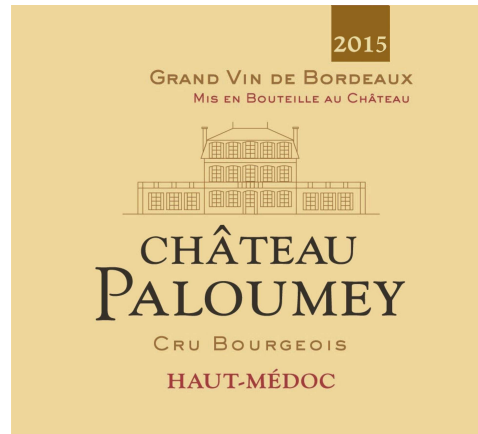
Cabernet Sauvignon 55% / Merlot 45%

Alcohol: 13.50% Vol

Production: 135 000 bottles

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PRESS REVIEW CHÂTEAU PALOUMEY 2015



Wine Enthusiast 92 From a grand estate, whose owners also have vines in Margaux and Moulis, this wine is well proportioned and dense. Rich tannins and concentration are just part of what will become a generous, full wine. With great black-currant fruit and acidity to match, this structured wine will need to age. Drink from 2024. *January 2018*

Neal Martin / erobertparker.com 91 Tasted at the Cru Bourgeois annual tasting, the 2015 Paloumey was missing a little freshness on the nose compared to other vintages but it soon addresses that with aeration and offers a lovely pressed flower/dark berry scent. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, well-judged acidity, crisp and quite minerally with bright red cherry and strawberry fruit on the finish. This is a well-crafted Paloumey that should be given an hour's decant.

Jeannie Cho Lee 91 Lively, fruity and upfront with ripe blackberries and plums on the palate. There is little over-extraction in this wine with all the freshness one would expect from a top Haut-Medoc chateau in a top vintage.

Jancis Robinson 16,5 Tea leaves and concentration on the nose. Dry finish. But correct and satisfying. Not luscious but should be good with food. Stony. Drink 2018-2024.

René Gabriel 17 **Yohan Castaing 15** **Jean-Marc Quarin 14,5** **Vinum 15** **Bernard Burtschy (Le Figaro) 16**

Yves Beck 90 points Rouge grenat violacé. Nez élégant, expressif, alliant bien les notes fruitées et l'élevage. Je relève des baies rouges et noires ainsi qu'une touche de menthe. Attaque fraîche et friande. Au palais, le vin est équilibré, élégant et bien soutenu par sa structure. Les tannins sont juteux et confèrent une agréable douceur. Caractère rafraîchissant et fruité en fin de bouche. Belle réussite.

La Revue du Vin de France 14,5-15,5 Très bien construit, bouche ronde, ample, tanins mûrs. Jolie finale pleine de fruits. Charmeur.

Ecce Vino / Mohamed Boudellal Un bouquet engageant, de l'étoffe, de la franchise, de la saveur, une trame fraîche et des tanins ronds reconduisant une essence minérale. *January 2018*

James Suckling 91 Violets and cassis married with rich, dark berries and hints of iodine, all leading to a palate that is smooth, layered tannins in a pastry-like mode. Rich plums to close. Drink or hold. *January 2018*

Gault & Millau 16+ Beau nez de fruits noirs frais, épicé, légèrement floral. Bouche charnue et juteuse, une petite tension en son milieu et des tanins qui mériteraient d'être un peu plus polis. Une extraction un peu importante. Le potentiel est là, le temps assagira l'ensemble.

Vert de Vin / Jonathan Choukroun Chicheportiche 89-90/100

Le Point / Jacques Dupont 15/20 *May 2017*

The Wine Patriot / Antoon Laurent 90+/100

Markus Del Monego 87/100 *April 2016*

Gold Medal Concours de Bordeaux Vins d'Aquitaine 2018 **Silver Medal** Concours Général Agricole de Paris 2018

Excellence Prize 2018 Vinalies Competition

Guide Hachette des Vins 2019 1 star La robe, d'une couleur profonde cerise burlat, annonce un vin bien typé, ce qui confirme un délicat bouquet associant les fruits rouges à un fin boisé (épices et vanille) et une bouche ample, solide et bien enrobée à la fois.