

COMMENTS & TASTING NOTES

TOUR DE RIPEAU

VINTAGE 2016

ANTONIO GALLONI 89/100

The 2016 Château Tour de Ripeau is a bold, fruity wine to drink now and over the next handful of years, while the succulent black cherry, espresso and bittersweet chocolate flavors retain their youthful vibrancy. Although not especially complex, the 2016 is tasty.

JAMES SUCKLING 91/100

Aromatique et frais avec un caractère floral et de groseille. La bouche est mi-corsée à corsée, les tannins sont fins et soyeux avec une jolie fin de bouche. Il présente finesse et potentiel de vieillissement. Second vin de Château Ripeau. A déguster en 2019 mais déjà délicieux.

JONATHAN CHOUKROUN CHICHEPORTICHE VERT DE VIN 92-93/100

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry and small black fruits associated with touches of liquorice, raspberry as well as hints of iris, Cuban pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, a slight suavity, a good freshness as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / juicy blackberry and juicy / fresh cassis associated with small notes of wild raspberry, juicy blueberry, small juicy red berries as well as small touches of chocolate / cocoa, small toasted touches and a discreet hint of spices. A very slight austerity on the finish. Tannins are fine and very slightly grainy. Good length. There are hints of cocoa and an imperceptible hint of flowers / caramelized almond on the persistence.

VINTAGE 2015

JEB DUNNUCK 90/100

Another wine from Château Ripeau is the 2015 Tour De Ripeau and it's a blend of 65% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Cabernet Franc. From younger vine and designated parcels, made with an eye on elegance and tension, it offers pretty notes of ripe cherries, blueberries, fruit cake, and spice as well as medium body, fine tannin, and nicely integrated acidity. It shows a very pretty, graceful style and should keep or 10-15 years.

JAMES SUCKLING 91/100

Aromatic and fresh with floral and currant character. Medium to full body, fine and silky tannins and a pretty finish. Shows finesse and drinkability. Second wine of Château Ripeau. Try in 2019 but already delicious.