



# CHATEAU DE CÉRONS

## CHÂTEAU DE CÉRONS GRAVES RED 2017



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Wine Enthusiast

16/20

86-88/100

86/100

90/100

88-90/100

86/100



Appellation :

AOC Graves Red

Village :

Cérons

Surface area :

10 hectares

Geology :

Mixed gravel soil with sand and small stones resting upon a subsoil of oceanic limestone.

Average vine age :

25 ans

Blend :

50% Merlot  
50% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard management :

Sustainable Viticulture.  
Planting density: 6,600 vines/hectare.

Harvest :

Grapes are handpicked at prime maturity and carefully sorted before being taken to the winery for fermentation.

Winemaking :

The gravity-fed winery is designed for the gentlest possible handling of grapes and wine, which is particularly beneficial in making of high quality wines. The grapes are gravity fed from reception to vinification. Fermentation takes place in small thermo-regulated vats, with time in the vats lasting between 20 to 30 days depending on the vintage. The malolactic fermentation takes place in cement vats.

Ageing :

Aged in barrels, 40% of new wood. Bottled at the Château.

Harvest date :

Merlot: September 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>  
Cabernet Sauvignon: September 14<sup>th</sup>



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### Tasting comment:

Intense garnet-red colour with deep purple highlights.  
Sensual nose with hints of melted chocolate, blueberry, and blackcurrant.  
Powerful, round, and fruity on the palate. Very promising.

### Press comment:

The 2017 de Cérons has a perfumed, floral, almost Margaux-like bouquet with fine definition. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy red and black fruit laced with pencil lead and black pepper, nicely balanced on the finish with plenty of freshness. This Graves has produced a decent 2017 that should give several years of drinking pleasure.

**NEAL MARTIN. Note: 88-90/100**

Deep purplish crimson. Lovely lifted cherry and cassis aroma, complemented by the lightest touch of spice plus a delicate dusty minerality. Elegant on the palate – the tannins are very fine and perfectly balanced by the freshness and the lively fresh fruit. Subtle but sustained on the finish. Quite gentle.

**JANCIS ROBINSON. Note: 16/20**

There's an emphasis on soft berries, white pepper spice and redcurrant fruits here. Again, a touch of under ripeness is evident, but this is an enjoyable wine with a welcome sweetness from 25% new oak barrels to round out the finish. It has been extremely carefully handled and offers great medium term drinking.

**JANE ANSON. Note: 86/100**

Dark purple red with violet hue and black core. Elegant nose with fragrant fruit, raspberries, blackcurrants and blackberries, hints of vanilla and dark chocolate in the background. On the palate elegant with juicy fruit, ripe tannins, freshness and good length.

**MARKUS DEL MONEGO. Note: 90/100**

This wine shows stalky fruit and dusty tannins. Its acidity and spice come through strongly along with attractive black currant fruit flavor. It will be ready to drink early.

**WINE ENTHUSIASAST 86/100**