

# CHÂTEAU FLEUR HAUT GAUSSENS

MERLOT / CABERNET FRANC / MALBEC

## Grand Vin 2016



Château Fleur Haut Gaussens Grand Vin is the cuvée haute couture of the Château. From the best plots of the estate ; The blend is 1/3 Merlot, 1/3 Cabernet Franc, 1/3 Malbec.

2016, unexpected vintage. With very abundant rainfall from January to mid-June followed by 3 summer months without water enable a great blooming of the vines. In the beginning of September, the thunderstorm stopped the hydric stress on the vines and enabled the maturation of the grapes. We were patient, the maturation of the tannins took time and the first harvest started in October. The freshness of the night preserved the aromas and acidity of the berry.

The color is clear and of surprising purplish color, the nose reveals pure aromas and an unexpected finesse of slightly peppery violet and blackcurrant jam taking you straight back to childhood. Elegant, fine, pure, fresh and feminine, there are so many characteristics that harmonize perfectly within this wine beautiful structure, with melted, seductive and delicate tannins carry through to a long finish.

Appellation : Bordeaux Supérieur

Soil : Limestone and Clay –Average vines age: 30 years

Area : Less than 1h -

Varietal: 1/3 Merlot – 1/3 Cabernet Franc – 1/3 Malbec

Pruning: Double Guyot

Vineyard management: Sustainable agriculture, Certified HVE3

Harvest : Optimum maturity following two separate maturity analysis controls

Winemaking process: Produced from an integral vinification process (5 weeks of fermentation and maceration in 400 liters of new barrels), a manual punching, aeration and barrel

Ageing: :100% in new French oak barrels 400 liters for 12 months

ABV :14,00%



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