

CHATEAU DEYREM VALENTIN 2016

After a mild, wet winter, the vines began to grow slightly earlier than usual but then the cool spring weather slowed them down considerably. Flowering took place under very favourable auspices, in the first week of June: one of the rare weeks of fine weather in the spring of 2016. July and August brought superb conditions, raising hopes of a great vintage.

Mid-veraison was quite late (10 August), indicating that the harvests would also be relatively late.

The rain in early September was very beneficial to the somewhat parched vines, and after that the weather remained dry. This was very fortunate for the vintage, which was looking very promising. We began picking with the Merlot, from 3 October to 10 October. The grapes' exceptional ripeness and remarkable aromatic intensity were immediately apparent. We continued with the Cabernet and Petit Verdot from 15 to 20 October, and again the grapes were extraordinary, the quality of the tannins, the aromatic intensity, and the balance: everything was extremely satisfactory!

Deyrem Valentin 2016 develops a generous bouquet of blackcurrant, violet and iris. The structure is silky with fine tannins.

The blend is 50% Merlot, 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 1% Petit Verdot.

TASTING NOTES

WINE ADVOCATE NEAL MARTIN 91-93/100

JAMES SUCKLING 93/100

LE FIGARO 16/20

VINOUS GALLONI 89-92/100

