



Château La Prade

FRANCS CÔTES DE BORDEAUX

# 2016

“Very fine and polished for the appellation with dark berries, minerals and spices. Medium body and a fresh finish.”

**Score: 91-92/100**

**James Suckling, [jamesuckling.com](http://jamesuckling.com), Avril 2017**

“The vibrant plum and blueberry fruit is rounded and generous in feel, with light spice and licorice notes on the back end. This will be a fun drink in the short term while you wait for the big boys to mature.”

**Score: 89-92/100**

**James Molesworth, *Wine Spectator*, Avril 2017**

“Blueberry jam, crème de cassis, spice, licorice and bittersweet chocolate notes give the 2016 La Prade much of its sweet, unctuous personality. The ripeness and intense color of this late-ripening vintage come thorough in the wine’s overall texture, feel and intensity. Tasted next to Puygueraud, Nicolas Thienpont’s other Côtes de Bordeaux, La Prade has more plushness and also a slightly more overt, flamboyant expression of fruit. Tasted three times.”

**Score: 88-91/100**

**Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, Avril 2017**

“Darker in hue than usual, the wine offers dark earthy, red fruits, soft and polished tannins with fresh, sweet, juicy fruits that offer volume, freshness and pleasure. The blend comes from 88% Merlot and 12% Cabernet Franc. This is a step up for one of the best value wines in Bordeaux.”

**Score: 90/100**

**Jeff Leve, *The Wine Cellar Insider*, Avril 2017**

“Nicolas Thienpont is doing interesting things with this estate. Certainly, this is intense and has a beautiful depth of expression - excellent quality for a smaller appellation. It has a wonderfully silky quality to the tannins that bodes extremely well for ageing, and flavours of liquorice root, bilberry, almost cassis. A definite buy for me.”

**Score: 92/100**

**Jane Anson, *Decanter*, Avril 2017**

« Coloré, belle maturité de fruit, charnu et profond, bonne longueur et potentiel sérieux grâce à un tannin mûr, frais et élégant. »

**Score: 90/100**

**Bettane et Desseauve, Avril 2017**

“Lovely saturated colour; but healthy edge; harmonious aromatics; cherry; nice and clean; certain minerality; lovely purity on the palate; really balanced and moreish; tannins very subtle as is the freshness; nicely balanced; certain minerality again; has texture but not at all forced; almost Burgundian quality to the extraction etc. Good finish. Nice twist on the end. Good length too.”

**Score: 90-92**

**Jeremy Williams, Wine, words and videotape, Avril 2017**

« Le nez ouvert évoque des parfums floraux (violette dominante), des arômes de cerises, de léger cassis et de fines épices. L'attaque est souple, veloutée, et délicatement charnue, le centre est plus dense et fruité. La finale d'une bonne allonge, tenue par des tannins enrobés, est fraîche et aromatique. »

**Score: 90-92/100**

**Daniel Seriot, Journal d'un passionné de la rive droite, Avril 2017**

« Robe sombre. Belle densité aromatique. Bouche à la trame serrée aux notes de cacao et d'épices. Il prend appui sur une assise tannique confortable. Finale sur les fruits noirs qui offre de la complexité. »

**Score : 93/100**

**Jacques Perrin, Vinifera, Aril 2017**