

















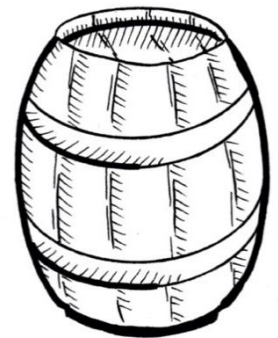


## 2016 Château Veyry



	Red		
	2016		Environmentally considerate farmer
	Black fruit, vanilla		
	Black cherry & sweet spice		Very complex
	18 months in barrel – 100% new & 2YO		Ready to drink now, drink within 15 years
	Castillon, Bordeaux		
	Merlot, Cab Franc		
	Everything		15%

Christian Veyry has a micro winery a stone's throw from Saint-Emilion, in the neighbouring AOP of Castillon, Côtes de Bordeaux. His 'day job' is a wine consultant/oenologist helping Michel Rolland advise clients mostly in and around Saint-Emilion and Pomerol. Christian's knowledge is extraordinary and I have and continue to learn a huge amount from him.



The magic of the winery. Christian's attention to detail at every stage of the winemaking process is impressive and almost obsessive. His view is that tip-top quality, healthy grapes with rich phenolic structure leads to more complex flavours in the wines. Higher alcohol means more layers – it is true but there is a fine line. Get the alcohol level wrong and the wine tastes out of balance. He always gets it right.

2016 was an exceptional vintage in Bordeaux and it should come as no surprise that Christian has made a hugely complex wine. The fruit is so pure and ripe and the oak magnificently well integrated. It is a powerhouse of a wine but (as is always the case) there is also refinement and elegance. Really outstanding winemaking.

