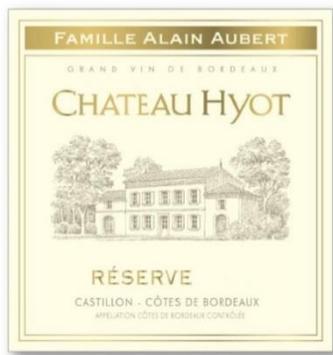


# CHÂTEAU HYOT

## « Réserve » 2016

### CASTILLON - CÔTES DE BORDEAUX



#### ORIGIN

Bordeaux, France

#### APPELLATION

Castillon – Côtes de Bordeaux

#### VINEYARD

45 yrs. old vines on average  
Gravel, sand & Clay soils  
Yield: 35 hl/ha

#### BLEND

60% Merlot  
20% Cabernet Franc  
20% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### FARMING

Sustainable farming practiced

#### WINEMAKING

1 week of Maceration  
3 weeks of Fermentation

#### AGING

Oak Aged for +/- 20 months

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14% Alc. |

Château Hyot's 2016 "Reserve," is a firmly structured, wood-aged wine. Rich tannins along with black-currant fruits and acidity will allow this wine to age. It opens to aromas of dark cherries and plums, dried spices, toast, dried soil, tobacco and mineral character. On the palate the medium to full-bodied wine coats the tongue with polished tannins and a velvety texture that frames the red fruit, tobacco and dried spices all to end with an ever-lasting impression.

This wine combines a sophisticated structure with admirable balance and freshness beautifully through their blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon. The Merlot brings dark berry aromas and velvety texture, as Cabernet Franc brings sophistication through its elegant aromas and silky tannins, and finally the Cabernet Sauvignon gives a strong structural backbone to the wine.

The 2016 growing season experienced a wet spring followed by a very dry and warm summer. The cool, sunny weather allowed for incredible ripeness of the grapes. 2016 is a year of purity, freshness as well as a classic style of Bordeaux.

Château Hyot's Réserve wine comes from a selection of older vines (aged 40+ years) located in the Côtes de Castillon on Bordeaux's Right Bank. Alain and Bernadette coax the vines to reach the full potential of the clay-gravel terroir in order for it to appear the final wine. This type of soil pushes the vines to root themselves deeply. The deep roots really implant themselves in the original soil below any man-made alterations to give a full expression of the terroir, and the older vines bring a great deep color to the wine.

The Alain Aubert family come from the winemaking tradition of Bordeaux's Right Bank. For several decades now, Alain, his wife Bernadette, and their three daughters have fine-tuned and perfected their craft. To celebrate their achievements, their US importer and close friend, Serge Doré, collaborated to create this special and exclusive set of new labels and wines, all proudly bearing the "Famille Alain Aubert" banner across the top to honor the work of the family.

#### ACCOLADES

2016 International Wine Report: **92**

2016 Wine Enthusiast: **91**

*"Owner Alain Aubert, a sixth-generation winemaker now partnered by his daughter Amélie, produced this firmly structured, wood-aged wine. Rich tannins along with black-currant fruits and acidity will allow the wine to age. Drink from 2021." – W.E.*

