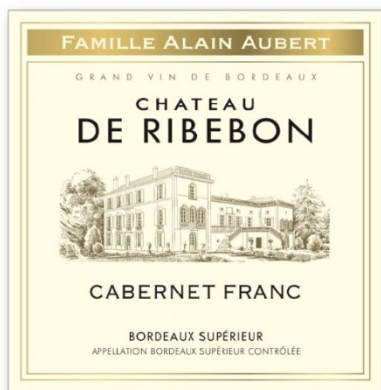


# CHÂTEAU DE RIBEBON

## « Cabernet Franc » 2016

### BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR



#### ORIGIN

Bordeaux, France

#### APPELLATION

AOC Bordeaux Supérieur

#### VINEYARD

+/- 60 yrs. old vines on average,  
Limestone & clay soil  
Yield: 35 hL/ha

#### BLEND

85% Cabernet Franc  
15% Merlot

#### FARMING

Hand harvested in vineyard

#### WINEMAKING

Fermentation: 4 – 5 days  
Maceration: 20 – 25 days

#### AGING

Oak-aged for +/- 18 months

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14% Alc.

Château de Ribebon's 2016 "Cabernet Franc" cigar-box perfumes are unmistakable. The stalky structure of this young wine, with its wood aging and spicy character, makes this a wine worth aging. This majority Cabernet Franc blend showcases this classic Right Bank grape variety's expression. Many of these majestic vines are over 100 years old, drawing mineral undertones from the limestone into the wine, along with deep, ripe fruit notes. The grapes are hand-selected parcel by parcel and sorted both in the vineyard and again at the winery.

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.

Oak-aged for eighteen months, this wine is all about the mouthwatering taste of Cabernet Franc grown in ideal circumstances. Peppery aromas and a medium-high acidity make it remarkably refreshing. Easy to pair with grilled red meats, prime rib au jus and venison chops.

On Bordeaux's Right Bank, overlooking the Dordogne River and the village of Pessac-sur-Dordogne, the clay-limestone soils of the Ribebon hamlet plateau form the basis of Château de Ribebon Cabernet France Bordeaux Supérieur. The vines have a full southern sun exposure, allowing for maximum sun to help bring the fruit to full ripeness. The plateau's clay and limestone soils offer nutritional balance and allow the vines to adapt to climatic variation.

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 (Editor's Choice)**

*"The cigar-box perfumes of Cabernet Franc are unmistakable, as is the stalky structure of this young wine. With its wood aging and spicy character, this wine is worth aging. Drink from 2021."* – W.E.

