

COSTES DU CHATEAU FERET LAMBERT 2016

Appellation Bordeaux Supérieur

~ Background ~

Château Feret Lambert is a newly created estate located in Grezillac, in the center of the Entre-Deux-Mers region. Costes du Château Feret Lambert is the second wine of the estate. The estate is owned by the dynamic Mr. Feret, one of the leading wine brokers on the Right Bank of Bordeaux and instrumental in discovering many of the up and coming producers in lesser known appellations, and his partner Mr. Lambert, a winemaker who owns estates in St. Emilion. They found this exceptional limestone quarry and determined that the soil was perfect in order to produce exceptional, intensely fruity merlot based wines.

Production is very small. The first vintage was in 2001. Feret Lambert is rated nearly every year by the Wine Advocate. Famous oenologist Pascal Poussevin, is consultant to the estate.

~ Viticulture ~

- The vineyards are planted on a plateau and slopes with southern and eastern exposures.
- Planted vineyards of 10 hectares though since the vines are young, only 50% of the estate is in production.
- **90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc.**
- Planted density of 5,500 vines per hectare.
- Very small yield of 35 hectoliters per hectare.
- Soil of clay with deep limestone.
- Rigorous vineyard management techniques including debudding, leaf thinning and green harvest.
- Late manual harvesting to ensure perfectly ripe grapes.



~ Winemaking ~

Combination of traditional and modern winemaking techniques.

- Pre-fermentation cold maceration for one week.
- Fermentation in inox tanks and long maceration period of 4 weeks, with 3 daily pumping overs.
- Malolactic fermentation in 50% inox tanks and 50% French oak barrels.
- Aged 6 months in two year old French oak barrels.
- Production today is 2000 cases per year.



~ Tasting ~

This wine is certainly structured, but the ripe fruitiness is most prominent. Red-berry flavors and acidity are important elements in this full, rich wine with hints of wood aging. Drink from 2022.