

# CHÂTEAU DEYREM VALENTIN 2015

Appellation Margaux Cru Bourgeois

## ~Background~

Château Deyrem Valentin is located in Soussans, near the center of Margaux, 22 kilometers Northwest of Bordeaux.

However, the vineyards of Deyrem Valentin extend from Soussans to the center of Margaux. The vineyards have an outstanding location and terroir and are adjacent to many of the top Crus Classés of Margaux.

The estate dates from 1730. It has belonged to the Sorge family since 1928. Christelle Sorge is the 3rd generation of winemakers.

## ~ Viticulture ~

- 13 hectares of planted vineyards.
- The vineyards are planted with 55% Cabernet Sauvignon and 45% Merlot.
- The soil and subsoil are 100% deep gravel.
- The average age of the vines is 30 years; however some of the vines are more than 100 years old.
- Planted density of 10,000 vines/hectare.
- Average yield of 50 hectoliters/hectare.
- Manual Harvest.

## ~ Winemaking ~

- Manual harvest with rigorous sorting during the harvest and at the sorting table.
- Traditional vinification in thermo regulated stainless steel tanks. Vatting for 21 days.
- 100% of the wine is aged in oak barrels 18 months. 50% of the barrels are new; 50% 1 year old.

## ~ Tasting Notes ~

Beautiful, deep ruby red robe. Fine and delicate nose of red fruits, black currants, leather, and wood tones. Supple, silky palate with good complexity. Excellent balance and tannic structure. Altogether, a very harmonious wine.

This wine goes well with roast meat dishes, wild game, and fowl. Pair it with a Chateaubriand or a roasted partridge. This wine compliments side dishes of wild mushrooms, such as cepes, and braised leeks.

**93 points.** This dense and impressively ripe wine comes from a Sorge family estate in the northern part of the Margaux appellation. With black fruits and generous tannins, it is a big wine with considerable richness. This complex wine will age. Drink from 2025

**91 Points.** Tasted at the Cru Bourgeois annual tasting, the 2015 Deyrem Valentin has an intense bouquet with powerful black cherry and raspberry fruit, a light graphite and marine influence surfacing with time. The palate is medium-bodied with soft tannin, here a mixture of red and black fruit, quite corpulent in the mouth but with a very pure and lightly spiced finish. This is another impressive wine from this estate that deserves a higher profile. Tasted September 2017.

