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Winemaker

CHÂTEAU DEYREM VALENTIN 2020 AOP Margaux Cru Bourgeois Supérieur

— Background —

Château Deyrem Valentin is located in Soussans, near the center of Margaux, 22 kilometers Northwest of Bordeaux. However, the vineyards of Deyrem Valentin extends 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 including Château Margaux, Château Palmer and Château Brane Cantenac.

The origins of Château Deyrem Valentin date back to 1730: Deyrem Valentin is the surname of the first owner who represented the commune of Soussans on the Margaux Cantonal Council during the First Republic, hence the names Château Deyrem Valentin, Château Soussans and Château Valentin. It has belonged to the Sorge family since 1928. Christelle Sorge is the 3rd generation of winemakers.

— Viticulture —

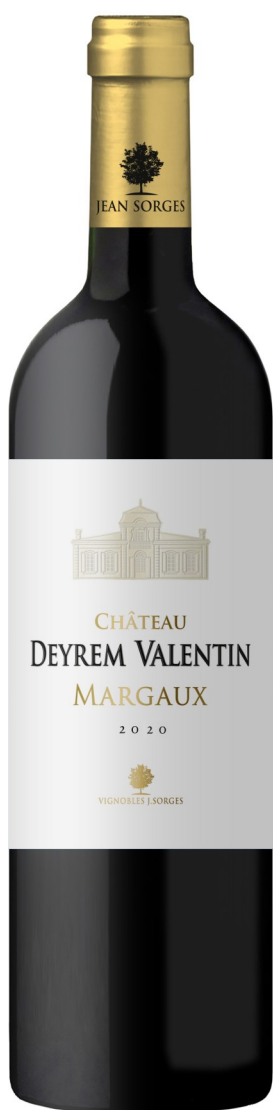
- 13 hectares of planted vineyards.
- The vineyards are planted with 50% Merlot, 49% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% Petit Verdot.
- Soil & Subsoil: deep gravel
- The average age of the vines is 30 years
- Planted density of 10,000 vines/hectare.
- Average yield of 50 hectoliters/hectare.
- Manual harvest

— Winemaking —

- **Blend: 52% Merlot, 47% Cabernet Sauvignon & 1% Petit Verdot**
- Rigorous sorting during the harvest and at the sorting table.
- Vinification separation of the different grape varieties.
- Gentle extraction without delestage. Automatic temperature automatic temperature control, maintained at 25 to 26°C.
- Malolactic fermentation in concrete tanks.
- Ageing in barrels for 15 months : 50% new barrels; 50% 1 year old.

— Tasting Notes —

A very dense, deep color, with a fresh, straightforward nose of delicate floral notes, and a freshness that carries over to the palate with marked aromas of small red berries (raspberry, redcurrant) and black berries (blackberry). It's both greedy and elegant, with a seductive, long finish.



93 Points. A tight and full-bodied Margaux with a layered and scented nose of currants, plums, subtle vanilla spices, some stones and a hint of fennel. This is pretty nuanced and classy on the nose, and turns vertical on the palate with juicy berries, cassis and silky, fine-grained tannins.

