

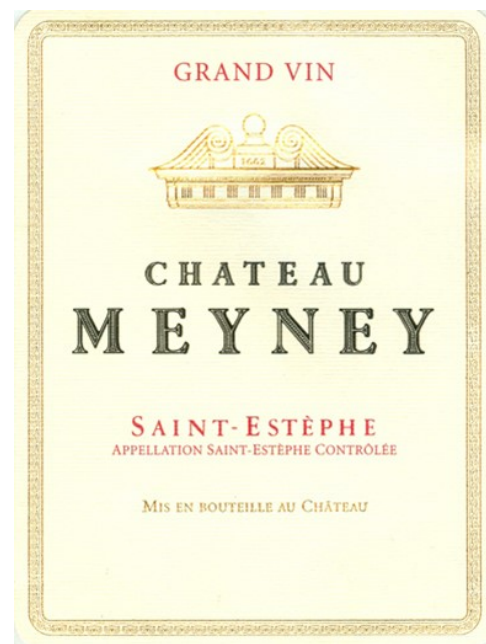
CHATEAU MEYNEY 2016

Appellation Saint-Estèphe

~ Background ~

Chateau Meyney is one of the oldest estate in Medoc. Flanked by Chateau Montrose (2nd growth) and Calon Segur (3rd growth), the property's vines overlook and extend down to the Gironde River. Originally constructed as a monastery in 1662, the property was owned for several generations by the Luetkins family, who also owned Chateau La Tour Carnet (4th growth). During the 1855 classification, the Luetkins family had the right to present one estate for classification. Torn between Meyney (which had a superior terroir) and La Tour Carnet (which had a more majestic chateau), The Luetkins submitted La Tour Carnet...which was classified as a 4th growth. As a result, Meyney is not classified. However, its location, just between Montrose and Calon Segur, give an indication of the extraordinary terroir, and makes one wonder if it would have been classified either a 2nd or 3rd growth, if presented in 1855.

Today CA Grands Cru owns the estate, and under the team of Thierry Budin, Managing Director, David Launay, Commercial Director, and Anne Le Naour, Winemaker, Chateau Meyney is making a comeback. Hubert de Bouard, owner of Chateau Angelus, is the consultant oenologist.



~ Viticulture ~

- 49% Merlot, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Petit Verdot.
- 51 hectares of vineyards
- The average age of the vines is 35-40 years old.
- The average yield is 50 hectoliters per hectare.
- Gravel, Clay and limestone soil.
- Manual harvest following the tradition from the Médoc. Sorting tables are installed in the vineyards.
- Grapes are sorted a 2nd time on an optical sorting table to ensure that only perfect grapes are selected.



~ Winemaking ~

- After sorting on the optical sorting table, grapes go through a cold soak, and then are fermented by parcels in vats of varying capacities.
- After fermentation, maceration continues for an average of 20 days before the wine is run off.
- Malolactic fermentation in oak barrels.
- Aged in French oak barrels, 30%-40% new.

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95-96 Points. Solid and incredible depth reminds me of the Meyneys of the 5³ 4s that were so structured and incredible. Full-bodied yet polished and refined. Super structure.



90-92 Points. The 2016 Meyney has quite an opulent and flamboyant bouquet, which is something I do not expect from this Saint Estèphe. It seems to calm down in the glass and attains more delineation and poise. The palate is sweet on the entry with impressive precision, quite linear in style with blackberry, graphite and smoky notes, leading to a finish that offers satisfying persistence. Excellent.



Decanter

92 Points. Colour and spice with big bristling tannins and well placed damson and black cherry fruits. Powerful upfront with a good round mouthfeel, this has depth and solidity, a serious wine.