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## GENERAL FACTS

Les Conseillans covers twenty hectares of woodland, vineyards and fields in the heart of the Premières Côtes de Bordeaux, a few kilometres from the village of Saint-Caprais-de-Bordeaux.

In 2011, the Chateau was acquired by Bruce Jackson, an American wine enthusiast, and his wife Irina Krasovskaya. Over the next three years, Bruce and Irina, restored the Chateau, renovated the vineyards and completely modernized the technical facilities.

## VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 vintage alike 2015 enjoyed a warm, dry summer, providing excellent ripening conditions for the grapes. The autumn period was also dry with cool nights which favored a great aromatic expression of the grape varieties.

The vineyards of Chateau Les Conseillans stand on a terroir of gravelly and clay soils mostly facing south. It is divided into 14 distinctive plots with different varietal mix and age. *We believe that the vineyard is the major contributor to the wine's quality and character.* Because of this we try to limit our interventions to the most classical of French vineyard techniques. We avoid weed-killers and use pheromones to fight against insects. Farming for flavour and picking on the optimum day are essential.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

Hand picking, gentle de-stemming, and thorough sorting are the primary practices. Every different grape varietal is fermented separately in small cement tanks. The extraction of the cap is a mix of pumping over and "pigeages" technique. The wine is given long ageing in French oak barrels, and a great deal of attention is given to the blending to obtain the most representative wine of the "terroir" and vintage.

## TASTING NOTES

### Vintage 2016

Surface	5Ha81
Appellation	Côtes de Bordeaux
Géology	Gravels on Clay
Varietal	65% Merlot 20% Cabernet Sauvignon 8% Malbec 7% Cabernet Franc
Density	5600 plants/Ha
Average year	35 years old
Vats	Cement
Harvest	Hand Picking
Date	October 2016
Barrel ageing	16 Months
Yield	45Hl/Ha
Blend	78% Merlot 13% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Malbec 4% Cabernet Franc
Bottling Date	June 2018
Production	1 200 cases
Alcohol	14.0%
PH	3.71
Sugar level	<2gr/l - Dry

