



# CHATEAU DE CÉRON

## CHÂTEAU DE CERONS GRAVES RED

### Vintage 2018

**2018** - "The 2018 vintage was a real test of patience.

The first 6 months of the year were dominated by incessant rainfall and mild temperatures. The weather then changed radically on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July, marking the start of a hot summer with periods of drought.

The harvest period stretched from late August to late October, with the grapes reaching excellent levels of maturity. This exceptionally long and rain-free harvest period allowed us to fine-tune our picking operations. In the cellar the juices proved to be very consistent, with a beautiful colour.

This was an unusual year with extreme conditions, but in the end, it turned out to be an excellent vintage."

### Tasting comment:

An elegant, fruity nose with vibrant aromas of blackcurrant, liquorice and chocolate. Juicy and well-balanced on the palate, with fresh raspberry and blackberry flavours. A vintage defined by its precision, freshness and elegant minerality.



### Vineyard

Blend: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon – 50% Merlot

Color: Red

Appellation: Graves

Surface area: 10 hectares

Planting density 6 600 vine/ ha

Average vine age: 25 years

Geology: Mixed gravel soil with sand and small stones resting upon a subsoil of oceanic limestone.

Vineyard management: High Environmental value 3 (HVE3), SME and Iso 14001

Harvest: Handpicking

### Winemaking process

Winemaking: Fermentation in temperature-controlled concrete vats with bioprotection (avoiding the need for sulphur). Cold maceration for 2 to 3 days before fermentation.

Vatting for 20 days. Gentle extraction with successive rounds of pumping over. Running-off and transferral to concrete vats for malolactic fermentation.

Ageing: French oak barrels for 12 months – 50% new barrels – 50% barrels previously used for one vintage.

Bottling: at the château.



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### Press

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Tangy and fun with sliced-citrus and currant character. Medium body. Fresh and clean. Nicely done for this estate.

**JAMES SUCKLING. Note: 89-90/100**

*Jancis Robinson*  
JancisRobinson.com

*55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot. Barrel sample.*

Fragrant with blackcurrant, lively. Lighter weight than some but balanced and the tannins show some finesse already. A touch of chocolate texture on the finish. (JH)13% Drink 2023- 2029

**JULIA HARDING. Note: 15.5/20**



A blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The 2018 Cérons is deep garnet-purple colored and reveals warm black plums and black cherries notions with hints of cracked pepper black olives and sautéed herbs. Medium-bodied with a firm, chewy texture and lively backbone, it has an earthy finish.

**LISA PERROTTI. Note: 85-87/100**

**JEB DUNNUCK**

Nicely textured and well-made, the 2018 Château De Cérons is medium-bodied and classy, with fine tannins and terrific balance. It's another rocking wine in the vintage that's going to sell for a song.

**JEB DUNNUCK**

 **Anthocyanes**  
INDEPENDANT PAR NATURE

Nez élégant et frais, de beaux fruits noirs, des notes de réglisse, de fraise écrasée. Ensemble velouté et charnu, un beau juteux avec des tanins soyeux. Un Cérons charmeur.

**YOHANN CASTAING. Note: 90-92/100**



**B My Bordeaux**

Blueberries, anise, spices, scented, floral nose. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, dark fruity, spicy, anise, liquorice, juicy, good length. 88-90

**CHRISTER BYKLUM. Note : 88-90/100**

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Le nez est fruité et offre de la fraîcheur ainsi qu'une minéralité racée. On y retrouve des notes de cassis croquant/frais et de framboise croquante/fraiche associées à une touche de mûre croquante/fraiche ainsi qu'à de très fines pointes de minéralité racée et de réglisse. La bouche est fruitée, équilibrée et offre de la jutosité, une trame acidulée/juteuse, de la minéralité, de la précision ainsi que de la tension.

**TERRE DE VIN. Note: 15/20**