



## CHÂTEAU BATAILLEY PAUILLAC 2016

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Château Batailley is a Cinquième Cru Classé (1855) located in the heart of Pauillac, just west of Château Latour. It is one of the oldest estates in the appellation, named after a battle (“bataille”) fought on the site during the Hundred Years’ War. Owned by the Casteja family since the 1930s, the estate has a long-standing reputation for producing classically structured, Cabernet-driven wines with real staying power, often at more modest prices than its more famous neighbours.

The vineyards are situated on deep gravel soils that define the great Pauillac terroir, offering excellent drainage and ideal sunlight exposure for Cabernet Sauvignon, which typically comprises 70–80% of the blend. The remainder is Merlot, with small portions of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot depending on the vintage. Grapes are fermented in stainless steel before being aged for 18–20 months in French oak barrels, approximately 60% of which are new, to add texture and aromatic lift. The 2016 vintage is considered one of the finest Bordeaux vintages of the 21st century so far. A long, dry season was followed by perfectly timed late rains, producing wines of precision, balance, and ageing potential.

