

Ch. Carbonneau 2016 Sequoia (Bordeaux - Ste. Foy)

WineWise Code	FCR-SEQ16
Country	France
Region	Bordeaux
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	14.5
Acidity	3.3
Residual Sugar	0.7
Closure	DIAM
Annual cases produced	2500
Varieties	54%merlot, 32%cabernet sauvignon, 14%cabernet franc
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation duration	2 weeks
Aging method	Used Barrique 100%
Aging duration (months)	11
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	None
Yeast	Cultured
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes
Soil Type(s)	Calcareous
Elevation (meters)	75
Vineyard Aspect	South
Vine age (years)	20
Vine Yields hl/ha	50
Farming practices	Sustainable
Grape Picking	Machine

WineWise Notes:

A different blend again in this vintage, the 2016 is predictably grand. Sumptuous fruit, skilfully raised in barrique, with a more classic tone than 2015's heavily Cabernet Franc- influenced blend. The sheer generosity of this wine is some compensation for Nature's niggardliness.

Notes from the Producer:

Sequoia is the name of the big tree in front of the chateau. Barrel aging gives this wine complexity and good cellar potential.



Notes from the producer:

Carbonneau is the name of the plot of land on which was built a lovely chateau mid 19th century. At the time it was famous for sweet white wines. After WWII production slowly shifted towards towards red wine. The chateau was built by the Bachan family. Having no children, it was sold in 1938 to Harold and Claude Ray, grand parents of the current owners, Wilfrid and Jacquie Franc de Ferrière. Wilfrid and Jacquie left New Zealand in 1992 with their 4 children to develop and run the estate.

WineWise Notes on Ch. Carbonneau:

It is many a year since we tasted a petit chateau Bordeaux worth its classic \$10 or \$11 retail price-tag, so our hearts leapt when we encountered this old-fashioned beauty seemingly caught in a commercial time-war. Wilfrid Franc de Ferrière, despite his aristocratic-sounding French name, speaks an unaffected English with a disconcerting New Zealand twang to it (he's married to a Kiwi). Ste. Foy is in the extreme south-eastern part of Bordeaux.

