



DOMAINES ROLLAN DE BY

## Château Rollan de By 2015

Cru Bourgeois - AOC Médoc

It all started in 1989 when Jean Guyon bought 2 ha of vines, a wooden hut and the will to do a wine for friends to enjoy. A garage wine that acquired immediate success. The development of the vineyard is the reflection of Jean's charisma and character... Always seeking to do better. Facing a huge success, Jean decided to move forward. Selecting the best parcel of the plateau de By, he bought a few ha there and then for their soil characteristics. The combination of the soil and merlot grape results in fruit-driven, subtle, soft rounded wines with just the right amount of tannin and oak ; an addictive "chocolate cake" wine as calls it Jean. You enjoy one glass, and you just want another one.

### Vintage 2015

Ideal weather conditions and a particularly healthy, uniform fruit at harvest describe this vintage. Wines are lush, fruity (prune and cherries) and complex thanks to just the right amount of oak. Fine and elegant wines.

### Vineyards

A 87 ha (215 acres) vineyard located on a clay-gravel hilltop terroir. The vines are on average 40 years old, the density is 8.500 plants per hectare. Double Guyot pruning. Sustainable farming with carefully managed soil and enherbed rows.

### Blend

70% Merlot - 10% Cabernet Sauvignon - 10% Cabernet Franc - 10% Petit Verdot

### Harvest Information

Mostly hand-picked, the grapes are sorted twice on arrival at the winery once on a sorting table, once manually.

### Winemaking

Stainless steel tanks larger than higher (3.50m large, 1.50m high) conceived by Jean Guyon are used in order to have more juice in contact with the grape marc. Thermo-regulated truncated vats are used for a cold pre-fermentation maceration. Vatting lasts 4 to 6 weeks following the alcoholic fermentation. A malolactic fermentation takes then place in new oak barrels for 2/3 of the wine.

### Barrel ageing

Lees stirring for 3 months and aged for 12 months in 100% French Oak barrels (2/3 in new barrels, 1/3 in 1-year old barrel).

Wine Advocate - Neal Martin	88/100	Yves Beck - Beckustator	93-94/100
Wine Enthusiast - Roger Voss	92/100	Markus Del Monego	90/100
"Barrel Sample. Smoothly textured, this wine has ripe tannins under generous blackberry fruit flavors, making for a voluptuous palate. The end brings in the essential acidity."			
Decanter	88/100		
James Suckling	91-92/100		
Wine Decider	90/100		

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