

# Château d'Arce



Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux



A.O.C.	Castillon-Côtes de Bordeaux
Château d'Arce	
Surface of production	4,41 ha
Soil	Clay
Subsoil	Limestone
Grape varieties	90% Merlot - 10% Cabernet Franc
Soil culture	Organic and sustainable
Harvest	Hand picked
Fermenting vats	40 -70 hl stainless steel
Barrels & Ageing	30% new french oak barrels for 12 months

**JAMESSUCKLING.COM**

Apr 2019

The tannins in this are fine and super polished with beautiful blueberry, raspberry and citrus undertones. Medium-to full-bodied. Very integrated tannins.

**92-93**



Antonio Galloni  
Apr. 2019

The 2018 d'Arce is soft, succulent and expressive, all of which make it an excellent choice for drinking now and over the next handful of years. Ripe red cherry, plum, rose petal, and spice are all perked up by naturally bright acids from the limestone-rich soils on the Castillon plateau. This is a gorgeous Côtes de Castillon, and an early candidate for one of the best values of the vintage. The blend is 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc.

**89-92**

**Wine Spectator**

Mar. 2019

Slightly high-pitched, with red currant and damson plum notes, laced with violet and mineral details. Offers a focused, racy finish. A very pure style.

**90-93**

*Yves Beck*

Apr 2019

Pourpre violacé. Bouquet intense, complexe, marqué par des notes de cassis, de mûres et de réglisse. Touche de sureau. En attaque, le vin est friand et dense. Belle expression aromatique en bouche, suivie de tannins aux grains fins, parfaitement intégrés. Finalement, la structure confère une belle race en fin de bouche. Seule la finale peine à révéler du fruit, mais au vu de la substance présente, ceci est juste une question de temps.

**90-92**

**JEB DUNNUCK**

Apr 2019

Rocking stuff, the 2018 Château D'Arce comes from the Castillon region and is 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc brought up in 30% new oak. Deeply colored, with beautiful depth of fruit, lots of minerality and spice, full body, moderate acidity, and ripe, present tannins, it's up with the crème de la crème of the appellation.

**92-94**



*Robert Parker*  
WINE ADVOCATE

Lisa Perrotti-Brown  
Apr 2019

This is a final blend composed of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, harvested October 3-9. Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2018 D'Arce gives up gregarious notes of blackberry preserves, mulberries and plum pudding with hints of Chinese five spice, molten licorice and cloves. Full, rich and seductively plush, with a wicked backbone of freshness supporting the generous fruit, it finishes long and spicy.

**89-91**

JEAN-MARC UARIN

Apr 2019

Couleur sombre et intense. Nez d'intensité moyenne, au fruité solaire, avec une note de framboise. Bouche suave, parfumée, savoureuse, qui fond en finale sur des tannins présents, mais enrobés. Bonne longueur.

**15,75**  
**(89)**

# MILLESIME 2016



Yohan Castaing

Beau nez classique de Bordeaux, épicé et fumé. Très beau jus en bouche, de la dynamique, du mouvement et une finale tendue. Un beau vin sur la tension.

**15-16,5**

## JAMES SUCKLING.COM

Apr 2019

Very pretty red already with plums and currants and salty and earthy undertones. Medium body, firm tannins and a fresh finish.

**91**

Apr 2017

A linear and firm young red with chalk, dark-berry and crushed-stone character. Medium to light body, firm tannins and a racy finish.

**90-91**



Antonio Galloni  
Jan. 2019

The 2016 d'Arce is a soft, floral Côtes de Castillon from Hélène Garcin and Patrice Lévêque. Soft, floral and fruity, with lovely red/purplish berry fruit, the 2016 will drink well upon release and for at least a handful of years thereafter.

**90**

Antonio Galloni  
Apr. 2017

The 2016 d'Arce is soft, ripe and plummy. Succulent dark cherry, plum, mocha and espresso are all pushed forward in this racy, voluptuous wine from Hélène Garcin's 4.5 hectare estate in the Côtes de Castillon.

**90-92**

## Wine Spectator

Mar. 2018

Fresh and pure, offering a tightly focused beam of raspberry coulis and cassis notes, with light anise and floral accents along the edges. A pretty mineral twinge adds cut on the finish. Not big, but very pure and nicely rendered.

**90**

La jutosité du fruit enrobe parfaitement un tannin longiligne et épicé qui possède une bonne amplitude.

90

## JEB DUNNUCK

Feb 2019

Showing a beautiful limestone minerality and and focus, the 2016 Château d'Arce offers a terrific perfume of savory red and black fruits, dried herbs, flowers, and loamy soil. With medium to full body, notable tannins, and terrific purity, it has rock solid depth and richness on the palate and is going to benefit from short term cellaring but keep for a decade. The blend is 90% Merlot with 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, and this cuvée comes from the upper limestone plateau in the Castillon region.

91

Oct. 2018

Tasted out of bottle, the 2016 Château d'Arce offers a beautiful bouquet of black raspberries, crushed rocks, licorice, and spice. It's slightly deeper and more concentrated than the 2015, with more tannins and acidity, it's a pure, elegant, gorgeous red that more than overdelivers.

92

## Gault & Millau

Yohan Castaing

Beau nez classique de Bordeaux, épicé et fumé. Très beau jus en bouche, de la dynamique, du mouvement et une finale tendue. Un beau vin sur la tension.

15-16,5

*Robert Parker*  
WINE ADVOCATE

Lisa Perrotti-Brown  
Mar 2019

This vineyard is located on the limestone plateau of the Cotes du Castillon. The 2016 Chateau d'Arce is a blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. Deep garnet-purple colored, it leaps from the glass with vivacious black cherries, warm black plums and mulberries scents plus nuances of cassis, violets and bay leaves and a waft of crushed stones. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is charged with energy, giving black fruit and mineral layers with a firm, grainy backbone and lively lift to the finish.

90+

Neal Martin  
Apr 2017

It has a well-defined bouquet with a noticeable marine influence that influences the blackberry and briary aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, moderate depth, very elegant with a very precise, quite mineral finish. This is a splendid follow-up to the 2015 D'Arce, a Côtes de Castillon that just says "Enjoy me." And there is nothing wrong with that.

**89-91**

JEAN-MARC UARIN

Apr 2018

Beau vin coloré, au nez fruité et mûr, à la bouche juteuse, moelleuse, savoureuse, tendue, très agréable et de bonne longueur.

**15 (87)**

**JAMESSUCKLING.COM**

Feb 2018

A ripe and juicy red with plum and berry character. Some spices. Full-bodied, round, soft and juicy.

**90**



Antonio Galloni  
Feb. 2018

The 2015 d'Arce is an attractive, forward wine to drink now and over the next few years. Succulent red cherry, tobacco, mint, spice and dried flowers add shades of nuance to this very pretty, understated Côtes de Castillon. Silky tannins and midweight structure add to the wine's immediacy and appeal.

**88**

Antonio Galloni  
Apr. 2016

A ripe and juicy red with plum and berry character. Some spices. Full-bodied, round, soft and juicy. Drink now or hold.

**87-89**

**Wine Spectator**

2018

Very fresh, with enticing cassis and cherry preserve flavors streaming through, underscored with a light iron hint. Pretty floral and anise notes run through the pure finish

**89**

**JEB DUNNUCK**

Oct 2018

The 2015 Château d'Arce checks in as a 90/10 split of Merlot and Cabernet Franc that's from the clay and limestone soils on the upper plateau of the Castillon region. Charming, fruit-forward, and straight-up hedonistic, with lovely cherry fruits and spicy aromas and flavors, it's not going to make old bones but is one delicious, high-quality Bordeaux that offers pleasure!

**91**

*Robert Parker*  
WINE ADVOCATE

Lisa Perrotti-Brown  
Apr 2018

Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, the 2015 D'Arce is slowly evolving into lovely savory notions of charcuterie and Marmite toast over a core of dried mulberries and preserved plums with a waft of tobacco. Medium-bodied, it is firm and chewy in the mouth with a good amount of savory flavors and a grippy finish.

**88**

Neal Martin  
Apr 2016

The 2015 Château d'Arce is a blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc and it was picked earlier than usual, at the end of September, in order to preserve the Merlot aromas. No SO2 was used apart from two grams just after the malolactic, using CO2 to preserve the wine. It has a plush cranberry, black cherry and licorice scented bouquet. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, caressing in the mouth, hints of cedar and bay leaf, gentle and elegant with a sustained, light grip on the finish. This is very fine and elegant. Tasted twice with consistent notes.

**90-92**



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Feb 2017

Very pretty and floral with blueberries and blackberries. Medium body and firm and silky tannins. Delicious finish. Drink now.

91



Antonio Galloni  
Feb. 2017

The 2014 d'Arce is soft, pliant and fruity, all qualities that are best enjoyed sooner rather than later. The flavors are bright, nuanced and nicely articulated. Sweet red cherry, kirsch and sweet floral notes abound in this attractive, giving Côtes de Castillon from the Garcin family.

88

Wine Spectator

2017

This shows a bright tobacco note out front, followed by a mix of red currant, cherry and plum notes. Has a rounded edge but maintains good energy, with a savory detail chiming in on the finish. This has filled out nicely since the barrel tasting.

88

2015

Light-bodied, with violet, cherry and damson plum notes and a silky finish. Pure, but a bit shy on depth.

86-89



Neal Martin  
Mar. 2017

The 2014 D'Arce has a lovely, very pure bouquet with tightly wound red cherries and crushed strawberry that gain intensity in the glass, hints of brown spice emerging with time. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin. Dark berry fruit laced with Earl Grey tea and a pinch of white pepper, this is a well balanced and just delicious Côte de Castillon from the Garçin-Leveque family that should offer 6-7 years of drinking pleasure.

90

Neal Martin  
Apr 2015

The Château d'Arce 2014 is the first vintage (last year was hailed off) that comes from 4.41ha of Merlot in Saint Etienne de Lys on the limestone plateau and vinified at Château Poesia. Picked on 14 and 15 October, it was fermented in concrete tanks and matured in 30-50% new oak. It has a floral, feminine bouquet with pure cassis and blueberry scents that are nicely integrated with the wood. The palate is medium-bodied with supple, lithe tannin and well-judged acidity. This feels harmonious in the mouth, very smooth and it just glides to a sensual finish. This is a strong debut wine from the owners of Clos l'Eglise and Barde-Haut - in fact, this may actually rank alongside the former, if not quite the superb latter.

**90-92**

