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2016 Bordeaux & Upcoming Events

Prices for 2016 en primeur Bordeaux have been trickling out steadily for the past month and will no doubt increase in pace over the coming months. To read my review of the 2016 vintage, please click [here](#) and find 350 tasting notes on [JeannieChoLee.com](#). For [a comparison between the 2015 and 2016 vintages](#) and [commentary on the first growths in 2016](#), please watch my videos.

The 2016 reds from Bordeaux is one of the greatest vintages over the past few decades and the question now is all about price. With the recent frost destroying vineyards, especially on the right bank, the 2016 prices have become more complicated – châteaux will need to consider their losses due to the frost in the upcoming vintage. Please look out for our analyses and recommendations on whether to buy or not for top châteaux when they release their en primeur prices in the coming weeks; find it [here](#).

One of the most exciting projects I have been working on is the tasting and assessment of [the most searched and most popular wines sold online in China](#). Thanks to JD, gKaCha, T-mall, Jiuxian, Yesmywine, ASC and Jubilant Nova Wine Academy for being our partners in this event. In early June, I will be tasting hundreds of wines blind in Beijing for this project then publishing a booklet on the results of the tasting. Look out for the announcement and results just after the summer!

I hope to catch up with many of you either at [Prowine Hong Kong](#) this month or at [Vinexpo](#), Bordeaux next month.

As always, I look forward to your comments and questions via [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [WeChat](#) or [Weibo](#).

My Views



Why 2016 Bordeaux Is A Soul-Searching Surprise Vintage

If I were a winemaker in Bordeaux during the 2016 vintage, I would need a clear vision of the kind of wine I wanted to make. Would I green harvest to try to further concentrate my grapes? [Read more...](#)



Visual Journey of Bordeaux Châteaux during the 2016 En Primeur Week

Numerous photos were taken during the en primeur week in early April in Bordeaux. It was a sunny, warm week for tasting and may have contributed to how well the wines tasted! I hope you enjoy the photos of the right bank châteaux taken the first week of April, 2017 [here](#) and for left bank châteaux, click [here](#).



The Judgment Of Hong Kong: The Verdict On The Best Bordeaux Vs Best Napa Wines Part II

There was a lot of anticipation in the room. The nine of us who gathered for the blind tasting of top Bordeaux versus Napa are friends, getting together to share great bottles and enjoy each other's company. [Read more...](#)



A Showdown Between Bordeaux & Napa Valley Wines Part I

Ever since George Taber, formerly a journalist for Time magazine in Paris, wrote about the Judgment of Paris tasting in 1976, hundreds of articles have been devoted to the topic of how Californian wines toppled the best French wines in a blind tasting. [Read more...](#)

Smart Buys



Great Value 2016 Bordeaux



Top Twenty 2016 Bordeaux

bargain hunters. Quality was high across the board and most properties made some of their best wine in the past decade. One doesn't need to buy a cru classé to enjoy amazing wines that will age well. [Read more...](#)

right bank since numerous chateaux on both banks made fantastic wine. The northern Medoc had one of their best vintages in the past decade with wines that are a throwback to the 1980s in their lighter body, lower alcohol and freshness. [Read more...](#)

Events



Burgundy Evening with Members of Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin

Date: 18 May, 2017

Place: Seoul, South Korea



Tasting of Most Searched and Top Wines Sold Online in China

Date: 1-2 June, 2017

Place: Beijing, China



Vinexpo Bordeaux

Date: 18-21 June, 2017

Place: Bordeaux, France



Tasting Napa

Date: 28 August – 1 September, 2017

Place: Napa Valley, USA

Overheard

“2016 in a miracle, biblical vintage. The 2014 is the ‘Son’, 2015 the ‘Holy Spirit’ and 2016 ‘The Father.’” Bruno Borie, Château Ducru-Beaucaillou