



## Michael Pinkus Wine Review



## MERLOT 2016

Interesting to note that owner / winemaker Laurent Delaunay classifies Merlot as a “wine-makers grape” saying that it is a “neutral variety” that “naturally... doesnot have a lot of character or personality” probably why it took them 5 years to find their style with it in their southern France winery, because there really is “no benchmark” (Laurent says) - here you’ll find lots of plum, black cherry and chocolate on the nose with dark berries, spice and black pepper on the palate.

Rating: \*\*\*\*

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## SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017

Fresh and fruit forward Sauvignon Blanc which sees just a few months on “fine lees” during its time in tank - the nose is floral and quite pretty with notes of grapefruit that follow onto the palate with both pith and zest playing a part, there’s even a subtle minerality that peaks through on the long finish.

Rating: \*\*\* ½