

Cristal

2016



97 POINTS

James Suckling | [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com)

December 2024

It's concentrated yet gentle at the same time, with impressive resolution and integration of all components. Salty and creamy at the very-long finish. Fantastic!

98 POINTS

Tim Atkin MW | [The Wine Independent](https://www.thewineindependent.com)

July 2024

The palate is very dry and spicy, not needing even a touch more sweetness thanks to the abundance of ripe berry and citrus flavors, delivering beautifully knit acidity and typically tiny, persistent bubbles. It finishes with notes of effervescent chalkiness and saffron flowers, leaving you reaching for another sip.

96 POINTS

Antonio Galloni | [Vinous](https://www.vinous.com)

September 2024

Light on its feet and super-refined, the 2016 is exquisite in its understated beauty. I can't wait to see how the 2016 ages and won't be surprised it gains a bit of weight in bottle, as Cristal so often does.

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Anne Krebiehl MW | [Decanter](https://www.decanter.com)

September 2024

Cristal 2016 represents a return to purity and classicism for this cuvée, even seen through the lens of 2016's ripe, generous opening. It's a hugely promising Cristal, likely to stand as tall as the sought-after 2012 and 2013 releases.

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William Kelley | [The Wine Advocate](https://www.thewineadvocate.com)

April 2025

The 2016 Cristal is a taut, incisive rendition of this benchmark bottling, unwinding in the glass with youthfully reserved aromas of citrus oil, white flowers, wet stones and subtle hints of sweet, buttery pastry. Medium to full-bodied, chiseled and racy, it's almost as electric as the brilliant 2013, with serious concentration, a pure core of fruit, chalky structuring dry extract and a long, intensely mineral finish.

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Kristaps Karklins | [The Wine Advocate](https://www.thewineadvocate.com)

April 2025

The finest rendition since 2013, the 2016 Cristal has turned out beautifully. The fifth edition produced entirely from organically farmed and certified fruit, and heavily based on Pinot Noir, the 2016 represents the contemporary quality of Cristal, combining the concentration of 2002 with the precision and cut of 2013.