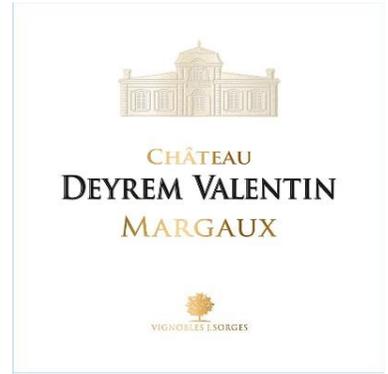




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## Christelle Sorge

Since 1928, the Sorge family has farmed vineyards on the left bank of Bordeaux. Their cellar is in Marsac, the best part of the commune of Soussans, adjacent to Lascombes, Labégorce, and Margaux. The estate is under the guidance of Christelle Sorge, one of the very few women among the male-dominated estates of Bordeaux to head a family-held domaine of first quality. Christelle's choices are thoughtful throughout: organic farming, sorting in the vineyard as well as the cellar, fermentation in cement tank, the wise use of Merlot and Petit Verdot, and with a restrained use of new oak, which never exceeds 33%. Christelle is a fierce advocate for making wines that are très classique.

### Château Deyrem-Valentin Margaux 2020

What greater authority on the wine estates of Bordeaux is there than Cocks - Éd. Féret?

Well, here is their view of Château Deyrem-Valentin, and we could not agree more:

"This Bourgeois growth commands a vineyard situated in Marsac, in the heart of the Margaux appellation. Its immediate neighborhood speaks volumes for its quality because it is surrounded by Châteaux Lascombes, Malescot-Saint-Exupéry, the two Labégorces, La Tour de Mons...Mr. Maurice Blanc, the grandfather of Jean Sorge, bought this venerable estate in 1928. 'Deyrem-Valentin' is the patronym of the first proprietor who represented the commune of Soussans at the council of the Margaux Canton during the First Republic [in 1792]."

A small estate (29.6 acres), carefully tended and vinified with constant regularity, Deyrem-Valentin is one of the most typical Margaux crus. Distinguished by the Revue du Vin de France among the hidden nuggets of the Médoc, "its Margaux wines draw a delicious balance" Promoted to "Cru Bourgeois Supérieur" in 2020.

#### 93 points, James Suckling:

"A tight and full-bodied Margaux with a layered and scented nose of currants, plums, subtle vanilla spices, some stones and a hint of fennel. This is pretty, nuanced and classy on the nose, and turns vertical on the palate with juicy berries, cassis and silky, fine-grained tannins."

#### 94 points, Forbes:

"This Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot/Petit Verdot blend from the left bank includes sweet and wild aromas of country lane bramble, sage, lava cake and sliced cherries. Balanced and refreshing in the mouth - subtle and elegant tannins, a buzzing fruit mid palate with juicy acidity and some tangerine on the finish. Integrated, satisfying, complete and perky."