



Château des Gravières Graves AOC BORDEAUX (FRANCE)

Château des Gravières is located in small village of Portets in the appellation "Graves". Its vineyards stretch on the left bank of the Garonne River, on one of the best gravel terroir in the appellation. It has enjoyed the care and attention of the Labuzan family for 7 generations. The young enologist - owners, Thierry and Denis Labuzan, have managed to reconcile modern techniques (recently renovated winery) with the traditional methods of the region.

Grapes: 85 % Merlot 15% Cabernet Sauvignon

Viticulture: Garonne gravel. 30-year old vines.

Alcohol: 13% vol.

Appearance: Dark ruby

Nose: Rich, ripe red cherries.

Palate: Black cherries, summer plums, baking spices and integrated tannins.

Food Pairings: Cassoulet, roasted meats, aged and aromatic cheeses, mushrooms.



Bordeaux Wine Region of France

Climate: Temperate climate, short winters and a high degree of humidity due its closeness to the Atlantic.

The **Bordeaux** wine region is named after the region's main city, Bordeaux and is divided by the Gironde estuary with the majority of the vineyards located either on its "right" or "left" bank. There are many sub-zones along both banks known for their exceptional quality such as: Margaux, Saint-Julien, Pauillac, Saint-Estephe, Médoc, Saint-Emilion, and Pomerol to name a few. The current permissible red grapes allowed are: **Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc**, Malbec and Petite Verdot. Common white grapes allowed are Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Muscadelle.

Bordeaux is one of the most important wine regions in the world with its complicated system of classifying reds from the Chateau's in the Médoc by quality from Fifth to First Growth. The great **Classification of 1855** was ordered by Napoleon III and still holds today. Only one white wine was included in this honored classification, Château d'Yquem which produces a famous dessert wine called Sauternes in the Graves AOC.

Graves is the only Bordeaux sub region which is famed for all three of Bordeaux' three main wine types—reds, dry whites and sweet wines—although red wines dominate the total production. **Graves AOC** is also the name of one Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC) which covers most, but not all of the Graves sub-region.