

Ch. La Creste 2016 Graves Rouge

WineWise Code	FLC-GRA16
Country	France
Region	Bordeaux
Subregion	Graves
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	13.7
Acidity	3.29
Residual Sugar	0.3
Closure	Synthetic Cork
Annual cases produced	850
Varieties	70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon
Maceration Notes	1 week
Pumpover or Punchdown?	light
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation duration	2 weeks
Aging duration (months)	6 months
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	PVPP (Polyvinylpolypyrrolidone)
Yeast	Cultured
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes, 5 g/hL
Soil Type(s)	Gravel, Alluvial
Elevation (meters)	50
Vineyard Aspect	East
Vine age (years)	27
Vine Yields hl/ha	45
Farming practices	Organic
Vine Training Notes	Trellis
Grape Picking	Machine

Notes from the producer:

It's the name of a neighbour winery that Chateau Bichon Cassignols cultivate since 1990. This wine is the same conception that the wine "le Petit Bichon", name used by the owners for this quality, in Bichon Cassignols.

Marie and Jean-François Lespinasse built Château Bichon Cassignols in 1981. With Château La Creste, they transitioned to "Integrated Farming" and then 2008 to "Organic Farming".

Together "Château La Creste and Bichon Cassignols" produce 50000 to 70000 bottles. Beginning in 2010, climate change has affected the quantity produced of this wine.



WineWise Notes:

Raised entirely in tank to accentuate its supple fruitiness, this timeless beauty has that familiar Graves tang of iron that lends it interest and distinction. Sheerly delicious wine.

There is a strange duality in the world of Bordeaux. Its top wines command huge prices and are regarded more as status symbols than beverages, while thousands of petits châteaux struggle to survive in a world which often seems to have passed them by. We have always had a sneaking affection for the Graves, whose singular wines have always had a special claim on the affections of Bordeaux connoisseurs. We were therefore delighted to be introduced to this small estate, founded by the grandfather of current proprietor Jean-François Lespinasse, whose wines offer an unforced yet pleasurable authenticity at reasonable prices. The domaine is situated at La Brède, famous home of Montesquieu just to the south of Pessac-Léognan.

