Ch. La Creste 2016 Graves Rouge

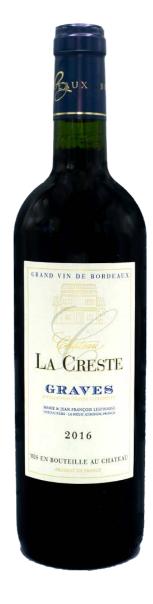
| WineWise Code | FLC-GRA16 |
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| Country | France |
| Region | Bordeaux |
| Subregion | Graves |
| Color | Red |
| Alcohol by Volume | 13.7 |
| Acidity | 3.29 |
| Residual Sugar | 0.3 |
| Closure | Synthetic Cork |
| Annual cases produced | 850 |
| 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 |
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Notes from the producer:

It's the name of a neighbour winery that Chateau Bichon Cassignols cultive 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.

