

Ch. Carbonneau 2016 Cuvee Classique (Bordeaux - Ste. Foy)

WineWise Code	FCR-CCL16
Country	France
Region	Bordeaux
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	14.5
Acidity	3.61
Residual Sugar	1.2
Closure	DIAM
Annual cases produced	1200
Varieties	75%merlot, 15%cabernet franc, 10%malbec
Aging method	Stainless Steel 100%
Aging duration (months)	12
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	None
Yeast	Cultured
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes
Soil Type(s)	Calcareous
Elevation (meters)	75
Vineyard Aspect	South
Vine age (years)	20
Vine Yields hl/ha	50
Farming practices	Sustainable
Grape Picking	Machine

WineWise Notes:

Seriously tasty Bordeaux at a silly price that will please the purists for its structure and the hedonists for its fruit.



Notes from the producer:

Carbonneau is the name of the plot of land on which was built a lovely chateau mid 19th century. At the time it was famous for sweet white wines. After WWII production slowly shifted towards red wine. The chateau was built by the Bachan family. Having no children, it was sold in 1938 to Harold and Claude Ray, grand parents of the current owners, Wilfrid and Jacquie Franc de Ferrière. Wilfrid and Jacquie left New Zealand in 1992 with their 4 children to develop and run the estate.

WineWise Notes on Ch. Carbonneau:

It is many a year since we tasted a petit chateau Bordeaux worth its classic \$10 or \$11 retail price-tag, so our hearts leapt when we encountered this old-fashioned beauty seemingly caught in a commercial time-warped. Wilfrid Franc de Ferrière, despite his aristocratic-sounding French name, speaks an unaffected English with a disconcerting New Zealand twang to it (he's married to a Kiwi). Ste. Foy is in the extreme south-eastern part of Bordeaux.

