

CHÂTEAU COUHINS GRAND VIN DE GRAVES ROUGE

2018

Country

France

Region

Pessac-Léognan

Varietal

50% Merlot
41% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Sauvignon Gris
5% Cabernet Franc & 4% Petit Verdot

Winemaker

Alix Bern

Alcohol Content

14.5%

Total Sulfur

No data

Residual Sugar

No data

Acidity

No data

HISTORY

Château Couhins is located in Villenave d'Ornon near Bordeaux. Long owned by a family of wine merchants, it became a Cru Classé de Graves in 1959. The estate now belongs to INRAE -the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment- benefitting from the most advanced technologies in sustainable viticulture and has become a benchmark for environmental friendliness.

The current cellars and production buildings were built in 1981, followed by a state-of-the-art barrel cellar and visitor centre in 2010, illustrating Château Couhins' revival and forward-thinking ambition. Today, estate director Dominique Forget and wine maker Alix Bern utilise their connections to the Bordeaux University applying and adapting the results of their research to continually improve the Couhins vineyard and its wines.

VINIFICATION and MATURATION

Hand harvested. Slow cold pneumatic pressing. Aged 12 months in a blend of 70% neutral French oak barrels and 30% new French oak inclusion.

VINEYARD



Planted on 54 acres on clay slopes on limestone bedrock and sandy clay. Under organic conversion since 2020. Poussard Guyot pruning, co-planted with crocuses to naturally mitigate pests.

TASTING NOTES



Vibrant notes of fresh black cherries, kirsch and cassis, plus hints of licorice, tilled soil and crushed rocks. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is chock-full of juicy black fruits.

FOOD PAIRING



Braised veal, filet mignon, mushroom bourguignon, Coq au Vin, hard cheeses.

