

CHÂTEAU COUHINS 'LES MOULINS DE COUHINS' ROUGE 2020

Country

France

Region

Pessac-Léognan

Varietal

68% Merlot
32% Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker

Alix Bern

Alcohol Content

14%

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; 70% in stainless steel, 30% in neutral French oak barrels.

VINEYARD



Planted on 22 acres on gravel hill tops and sandy clay slopes on limestone bedrock. Under organic conversion since 2020. Poussard Guyot pruning, co-planted with crocuses to naturally mitigate pests.

TASTING NOTES



Delicate floral underlay licorice touch, black cherries, fresh orange zest. Full-bodied, blackberry fruit, fresh acidity, fine, ripe tannins. (Falstaff- Peter Moser February 2023)



FOOD PAIRING

Pan seared duck breast, lentil stew, smash burger, lasagna, aged cheddar and Gouda.