

*A well-crafted blend of Malbec with a touch of Merlot – an eye-opening interpretation from the birthplace of Malbec.*

## CHÂTEAU DE LA GRAVE LES CHOSES QU'ON AIME



**N**estled in a 14th century castle, Château de la Grave is an exceptional addition to the Enotri community, offering a stunning collection of Bordeaux wines faithful to the traditions of this celebrated region of France. Guiding principles include respect for the environment; quality control in the vineyards; vinification and maturing in the pure Bordeaux tradition. There is a special welcome for all who delight in wine at this 14th century estate, with a chance to stay in the turret or in the main castle while enjoying wines from the estate and the surrounding area on the banks of the Bourg, the oldest Roman vineyards on the Atlantic coast of France. Well-recognized in French wine guides as an emerging star of the Bourg region, the wines of the Bassereau family blend Semillon and Colombard in an exquisite white, while the Merlot-dominated reds are spiced with Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec.

### VITICULTURE

Since 1990, Philippe and Valérie Bassereau have managed Château de la Grave mixing tradition and modernity. The property is an estate of 50 hectares with 45 hectares of vines planted all around the Château, one of the biggest of its appellation (average size: 16 Ha). Being sensitive to the quality and the authenticity of the wines, Château de la Grave adheres to very strict rules which respect the grapes, soil and environment. Combining traditional work of the soil with plowing and growing of grass, no chemical fertilizers, no chemical insecticides, along with purification station for the treatment of all viticulture waste products to grow the grapes as sustainably as possible.



### VINIFICATION

Control of grape maturity plot by plot to determine optimal harvest date. Temperature-controlled vinification of individual plots. Variable maceration according to vintage to extract individual fruit quality, tannins and color. Minimum 2 grape variety blend, as dictated by Bordeaux wine tradition. Personalized aging in finest French or American oak barrels and in French oak tanks of 50 HI Fining of wines and light filtration of the wines before the bottling thus preserving all Aroma and flavor compounds when bottled. Bottling exclusively at the estate.



## SKU: 846298

Region	Côtes de Bourg
Classification	AOC
Vintage	2020
Grapes	90% Malbec, 10% Merlot
Soil Composition	Limestone, gravel and clay
Vineyard Training	Guyot
Density/Yield	45 hl/ha
Fermentation	Temperature-controlled fermentation of individual plots
Alcohol	14 %
Residual Sugar	1.8 g/l
PH	3.55 g/l
TA	3.56 g/l
Free SO2	6 mg/l
Total SO2:	57 mg/l

## TASTING NOTES

A blend of 90% Malbec and 10% Merlot with the Malbec coming from a plot of red gravel. The filtering qualities of the soil and low yields of the plot reveal a velvety wine with intense fruit flavours. After a slow maceration and fermentation, the wine is aged for 12 months in oak barrels. Adorned with a beautiful deep ruby colour, the aroma is full of rich dark berry fruit complemented by elegant, underlying oak flavours. The palate is round and soft with a full velvety finish.

## PAIRING SUGGESTION

A good choice with roasted lamb and beef dishes. It will stand up to flavourful venison and game bird dishes and is a delightful companion to roasted pork loin in a dark cherry sauce. Great with barbecued rib eye steak.