

CHATEAU PUYGUERAUD

- GENERALITIES.

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History

The property was acquired by George Thienpont in 1946 and he subsequently replanted it with vines towards the end of the 1970's. Since 1983 his son, Nicolas, has been responsible for the winemaking. Chateau Puygueraud has since become the benchmark wine for the Cotes de Francs and a reference for the renewal of this still little-known appellation.

- VITICULTURE.

Appellation:	BORDEAUX COTES DE FRANCS
Area:	35 ha
Varieties planted: (no more Cabernet Sauvignon with effect from 2005)	55% Merlot 25% Cabernet Franc 15% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Malbec
Density:	4500 vines / ha
Soils:	Clay-limestone on limestone rock with clay and marl
Average age of vines:	30 yrs
Soil management:	Traditional: light ploughing and aeration of the soil with inter-row planting of cereals in the winter.

- WINEMAKING AND AGING

Tanks:	Stainless steel tanks
Length of aging:	12 –16 months in barrel
Barrels:	40% new, 30% 1 yr old, 30% 2 yrs old

Production:

90,000 to 115,000 bottles approx.

Other specifics:

Temperature controlled tanks.

Lees stirring after completion of malolactic fermentation

Micro-oxygenation if necessary

Reductive aging on lees: 1st racking after 6 to 10 months (before the summer), 2nd racking 1 year later before bottling.