

Ch Picque Caillou

Pessac-Leogan Rouge

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: France

REGION: Bordeaux

APPELLATION: Pessac-Leognan

CEPAGE: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

WINEMAKING: Alcoholic fermentation and maceration in temperature controlled stainless steel vats (26°30°). Delicate press to gently extract tannins.

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 14.0%

AGING: 12-14 months in oak barrels, 30% new

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 5500 cases

THE STORY

Château Picque Caillou was built in 1780 in what was then the countryside outside of Bordeaux, but has now become part of the expanding city of Bordeaux. The illustrious Château Haut-Brion is just a few hundred meters away (about a 15-minute walk). In fact, it is one of the few estates, along with its neighbors Haut-Brion and Pape Clément, that have resisted urban development and preserved their exceptional terroir to produce remarkable wines. The Pessac-Léognan appellation, created in 1987, is reserved for some of the most prestigious estates in the renowned Graves region.

More recently, the estate was acquired by Laurent Marti, president of Union Bordeaux Bègles (UBB), marking a new chapter in its history, alongside the appointment of Peggy Plouhinec as the new Commercial Director.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Deep ruby color with bluish-purple highlights

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Intense complex nose of chocolate, tobacco, smoke and cloves

MOUThFEEL: Elegant, refined, medium-bodied palate, pure sweet tannins

THE SELLING POINTS

AWARDS: 94pts Wine Enthusiast

