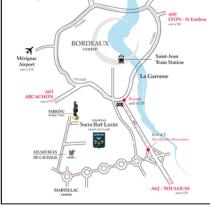
## CHÂTEAU BOUSCAUT PESSAC-LÉOGNAN





Bouscaut's vineyard has existed since the 17th century on the commune of Cadaujac, a Graves appellation at that time. Called Haut Truchon, it was renamed Château Bouscaut after the name on the land register in 1881. The neighboring property, Château Valoux, became part of Bouscaut in 1929. In the thirties, the domain was cited as being a model estate by the Chamber of Agriculture. In the same period, a tower was added to the main residential building and cellars were erected next to it. The wines of Château Bouscaut were widely recognized and consecration came in 1953 when Bouscaut was awarded the status of Graves Cru Classé, for both its white and red wines.

In 1962, the château was completely destroyed by a fire while the cellars remained untouched. The owner, Victor Place, oversaw its reconstruction, before selling it to a group of investors from New York in 1968. The new owners brought in the directors of Haut-Brion to manage it. Bouscaut was then acquired in 1979 by Lucien Lurton. Sophie Lurton, Lucien's daughter has been looking after Bouscaut since 1992. Laurent Cogombles, her husband, an agronomist, has also been very involved since 1997. Laurent is also the current President of the Appellation Pessac-Léognan. Throughout the years, the Lurton family has made numerous improvements to the cellars (with a circular tank room in 1990 and a concrete tank room in 2002) before complete renovation of the barrel cellars in 2010 including the building of a cellar just for the reds. This cellar's daring architecture has the particularity of being covered with barrel staves.

The vineyard area consists of 28 hectares, 19 of which are planted with the grape varieties 55% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Malbec. The remaining 9 hectares are cultivated with equal amounts of the white varieties Sémillon and Sauvignon blanc.

The Grand vin, Château Bouscaut, is annually produced in 110,000 bottles of the red wine and 20,000 bottles of the dry white.

Bouscaut's terroir is mainly composed of clay on a calcareous base, and of gravel. Beyond the terroir and vintage equations, wine is deeply affected by the people that contribute to its creation; working the soils, using environmentally friendly products and the equipment make all the difference.



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