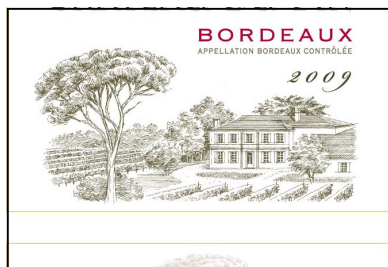


# CHÂTEAU DU PIN

## BORDEAUX 2016



Château du Pin belonged since time immemorial and until 1880 to the DUPIN family. Francois Dupin traded the estate but took it back when the family could not pay for it in 1885.

He sold it again the following year to Jean Leopold BALLAN, which means they are the fifth generation and their son Guillaume will be the sixth, if everything goes well. Château du Pin has been given to Marcel BALLAN, son of Jean Leopold, for his marriage with Miss Jeanne LABORIE. Of this union was born Juliette BALLAN who got the estate as dowry for her engagement with M. Jean Roger SUDREAU.

Their only daughter Janine will inherit it after her parents dead and will pass it on, in 1992, by creating a GFA (Grouping of Agricultural Land) for her 4 children. Jean Marie is in charge of exploitation and management of the GFA. Each generation of their family contributed to what the estate is today by buying land or vines by either improving exploitation methods for already existing vines or by living in the centre of the domain in the grand master house where you can see the wooden beam dating from before the French revolution. Unfortunately, in 1965, a fire destroyed part of the cellar.

In the garden sits a magnificent pine older than 250 years; perhaps that tree give its name to the chateau?

Grape Varieties: 50% Merlot , 25% Cabernet Sauvignon , 25% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard Area: 46 ha

Production: 200 000 bottles /year

Soil: Clay and limestone

Average age of vines: 30 years



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