

CHÂTEAU FOURCAS DUPRÉ

HAUT-MÉDOC 2015



Fourcas Dupré was started in 1843 by Jean Baptiste Dupré, attorney of the Court of Bordeaux, upon the site of an old vineyard originally established in the middle ages crossed by the ancient Roman road known as "la levade". In the early 20th century it was a "Premier Cru of Lustrac". In 2006, a new classification system was made official forcing all wineries in the area into the "simple" Cru Bourgeois. This resulted in the best Crus Bourgeois wineries leaving the classification in favor of the Union des Grands Crus which currently includes 85% of the classified growths.

The cellars, buildings and "château" were completely renovated. Today, a new fully functional fermenting room and refurbished cellars for storing and packing complement the original ones. The château now belongs to a family-owned company managed by Patrice Pagès.



The estate vineyard has one of the highest concentrates of gravel from the Pyrenees, (80%). You find these soil compositions in Moulis, Margaux, and Pessac Léognan. The vineyard is planted to Cabernet Sauvignon (44%), Merlot (44%), Cabernet Franc (10%) and Petit Verdot (2%). The average age of the vines is over 30 years and the density of the planting is 8300 per hectare. The wine making is done by the chateau owners, the Pagès brothers, with consulting from Eric Boissenot, whose other clients include Lafitte, Mouton, Haut Brion and Latour. In his quest for a perfectly ripe harvest, the cellar master, thanks to a fermentation cellar which is entirely tempera- ture controlled, can show the character of the four grape varieties that compose the wine of Château Fourcas Dupré. Ageing in barrels, a third of which are renewed every year, completes the balance of every vintage year.



"The 2015 Fourcas-Dupre offers plenty of blackberry and boysenberry fruit on the nose, a touch of brine here, a subtle marine influence that lends it complexity and personality. The palate is medium-bodied with a juicy opening, a melange of red and black fruit, taut and quite linear with plenty of freshness and tension on the finish. This is a well-crafted Lustrac that punches well above my expectations. Hopefully it can retain this level after its élevage - one to keep an eye on." - Neal Martin

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