CHÂTEAU LE BONNAT GRAVES ROUGE

Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Nice, intense red color. Fruity and fresh aromas of cherry and dark plum with nice, spicy aromas such as cinnamon. The rounded mouth has a balanced structure with good tannins and mineral undertones. Nice, long-lasting finish. Delicious with lamb or unadorned burgers.

Located in the heart of the Graves, Château Le Bonnat is considered a benchmark for its unique terroir. They have 55 acres of vines in production. The vines are 30 to 40 years old, are planted on stony clay soil and limestone subsoil, and are cultivated to make limited yields. In order to best express the quality of each terroir and to produce specific wines with distinctive personalities, the viticultural approach is imprinted with traditions: a sustainable agriculture with no systematic use of chemical spraying, grass between the rows, work of the soil, traditional sizing and finally, an important limitation of yield. The vinification is done in a modern winery with the most modern equipment and technique. Each batch of wine is vinified and aged separately depending on its origin. The wines are aged for 12 months in oak barrels, one third of which are new.

Since Denis Lesgourgues and his family bought this property in 1997, Château Le Bonnat has reached new heights. Their energetic care is responsible for the new precision in the wines, but the land was always good. The wines from this terroir are known for their great reputation: they are among the favorite Graves for the native people from Bordeaux. The Lesgourgues family are among the most dynamic in the French wine world. Born at Château de Laubade, the Lesgourgues vineyards represent today an ensemble of five prestigious estates, from the Bas Armagnac to Madiran, from Bordeaux to Château Le Bonnat in the heart of the Graves. Arnaud and Denis make traditional wines that are always the first bottles emptied at table.

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