



— *Pessac-Léognan* —

CHÂTEAU DE CRUZEAU ROUGE
2014

BACKGROUND

Château de Cruzeau is a prized estate of the André Lurton family, which still owns and operates Les Vignobles André Lurton 60 years after its founding. Planted in the 17th century by Jacques de Cruzeau, Château de Cruzeau was purchased by André Lurton in 1973 after a storm had uprooted a number of trees in the then-abandoned chateau's vineyards, and André Lurton was struck by the exceptionally high level of gravel clinging to the roots. Nature has been especially generous to Château de Cruzeau, whose superb gravel combined with perfect sun exposure seem to have been predestined for winegrowing. Today, this unique terroir, one of the finest in Pessac-Léognan, is easily detected in the striking minerality in Cruzeau's wines.

APELLATION

Pessac-Léognan AOC

SOURCING

Château de Cruzeau estate vineyards

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot

WINEMAKING

Château de Cruzeau's 19-year-old vines are planted on the estate's famous south-facing deep gravel ridges. After temperature-controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks with punch-down maceration, the wine is aged for 12 months in French oak barriques, 30% new.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2014 vintage in Bordeaux is "potentially the best since 2010," according to Wine Spectator's James Molesworth. The season began warm and dry, transitioning to a cloudy and humid July and August. Near perfect conditions arrived in the hot and dry September, which allowed the grapes to ripen fully while maintaining acidity. The resulting wines are complex and long, with food-friendly acidity.

TASTING NOTES

The nose features ripe black cherry, vanilla, and sweet spice. The wine is powerful on the palate, with firm acidity and velvety yet structured tannins. Flavors of blackberry and smoke lead to a long finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.6
TA 3.4 g/L
RS 0.3 g/L
Alc. 12.9%

WINEMAKER

Sebastien Cogny

FOUNDER

André Lurton