

Château de Braude 2014

CSPC# 797549

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot

Appellation

Haut Medoc

Classification

Cru Bourgeois

Website

<http://vignobles-bernaleau.fr/en/our-wines/chateau-de-braude/>

General Info

Estate of 7.5 hectares created in 1983 and located in Macau in the South of the Haut Médoc appellation; a few kilometers away from the Margaux AOC and a few hundred meters from the famous "Route des Châteaux". Located between Chateau Cantemerle and Chateau La Lagune two 1855 Grands Crus Classes from the Haut Médoc appellation.

Starting from a small Margaux established vineyard inherited from his father in 1980, Régis Bernaleau has expanded his two properties to 19 hectares composing over two domains. Their winery includes a vat room with wide thermo regulated vats, ensuring temperature control during vinification. The air-conditioned cellar equipped with 450 French oak barrels made by 10 different coopers ensures complexity and quality of the wine when maturing.

Vineyards

Planted on a gravelly terroir from the Garonne area dating from the tertiary period, this estate produces a blend of 60% cabernet sauvignon and 40% merlot. Yield is 45 hl/ha. Age of the vines 25 years

Harvest

Harvests by hand & by machine

Maturation

Cold maceration. Alcoholic fermentations in stainless steel thermo regulated vats followed by micro-oxygenation. Malolactic fermentations in vats Blending before ageing in barrels. 100% French oak barrels, medium roast, fine grain. 8 different coopers, 45% new oak for 14-18 months.

Tasting Notes

The nose is aromatic, relatively powerful as well as relatively fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and violet associated with slight notes of strawberry, red fruits as well as woody hints, hints of chocolate, graphite and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral (racy minerality), fresh, well-defined and offers an acid frame, fat as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and plum associated with hints of strawberry, redcurrant, slight notes of toasted oak, cardamom as well as a discreet hint of mocha and caramelization. Tannins are well-built and slightly dry.

Cellaring

Will reach maturity in 5-7 years. Château de Braude can be laid down for 15 years.

Serve with

Chateau de Braude perfectly accompanies the most refined dishes and brings sparks to the simplest meals. Its modest vintages still impress by their delicacy and its best by their incomparable grace.

Scores/Awards

90 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate Interim - October 2016
92 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - April 1, 2017
16 points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - September 2016
90 points / Highly Recommended - decanterchina.com
88 points - Gilbert & Gaillard (score only)

Reviews

"The 2014 Château de Braude has an attractive blackberry, cedar and tobacco-scented bouquet that opens with a sense of confidence in the glass. The palate is medium bodied with supple and fine tannin. The acidity is well judged, and it gradually builds to a lightly spiced finish that begs you back for another sip. This Haut-Médoc is worth hunting down. Tasted September 2016."
- NM, Wine Advocate



Reviews *“Owned by Château Mongravey of Margaux, this estate is in Macau in the southern Médoc. The wine is richly fruity, firmly tannic with both wood and fruit tannin. It is dark, dense and complex, a ripe wine that has a great future. Drink from 2022.”*

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

“65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot. 45% new oak. Sweet spicy dark plums, generously fruited and firm but rounded tannins. Juicy and well balanced. Straightforward and nicely chewy on the finish.”

- JH, JancisRobinson.com

“Here there is lovely sweetness and a sense of juiciness and lift through the palate, you really can see that this wine has a sense of movement. The cool-but-not-green notes which characterise the best wines of the vintage really come through.”

- Decanter china

“Dark hue tinged with purple-blue. Very elegant, expressive nose halfway between red fruit notes and subtle oak. The palate focuses on harmony, freshness and expression even though oak presence is still very apparent. A very enjoyable, authentic wine.”

- en.gilbertgaillard.com
