
Domaine Du Bouscat Caduce 2015

CSPC# 801741

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Franc

Appellation

Bordeaux Supérieur

Website

No website

General Info

The Domaine du Bouscat, which lays on a south slope near Saint André de Cubzac, was created by the family Dubernard at the end of the 19th century. As an ancestor Dubernard was member of the Academy of Pharmacy of Paris and was convinced that the Domaine du Bouscat had therapeutic effects, the wine was sold by pharmacies until the beginning of the 20th century. That is why there is a caduceus in the family emblem. The actual owner, François Dubernard, a passionate winegrower who represents the fifth generation, continues the constant research of quality which characterizes his family and always tries to improve the wines of the domain. The domain has always been a precursory in the respect of the vineyard and the winemaking. Thus, as reasonable use of phytosanitary treatments, use of products with a bio-label, maturing on the lees, limitation of SO₂ (sulphur), micro-oxygenation (continuous adding of oxygen), collaboration with different coopers in order to improve the quality from year to year, but under respect of the tradition and of the identity of the wine.

Vintage

Bordeaux Supérieur AOC vineyards benefited from this year's ideal weather conditions. The months of June and July – dry, hot, and sunny – permitted a very homogenous flowering and veraison. The months of August and September had perfect temperatures for ripening the grapes that consisted of dry yet not excessively hot days, and cool nights. Fine weather during the harvest allowed each parcel to obtain optimal maturity in perfect health. In mid-September the harvest for reds kicked off with the Merlots, followed by the Cabernets a week later. Thanks to excellent weather conditions, pristine grapes were picked at ideal maturity. The reds have notes of ripe fruit. Good color extraction and the significant presence of quality tannins suggest wines with intense color and full-bodied on the palate. 2015 promises to be exceptional for red Bordeaux and Bordeaux Supérieur red

Vineyards

Domaine du Bouscat Caduce is the entry level wine for Domaine du Bouscat. The wine is produced from an 8 hectare vineyard that is planted to 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec and 5% Cabernet Franc. On average, the vines are 37 years of age. The vineyard is planted to a vine density that ranges from 4,500 vines per hectare up to 5,500 vines per hectare.

Maturation

The vinification of Domaine du Bouscat Caduce takes place in unlined cement vats. This follows a 3-day, cold soak at 12 degrees Celsius. The maceration lasts for an average of 25 days and is punctuated with regular microbullages. The wine of Domaine du Bouscat Caduce goes through a unique aging process. The wine is aged on its post malolactic lees for four months in vat before it's transferred to a unique combination of new and used, French oak barrels, 340 liter and 600-liter demi muids to finish its aging. Domaine du Bouscat Caduce produces on average, 3,000 cases of wine per year

Tasting Notes

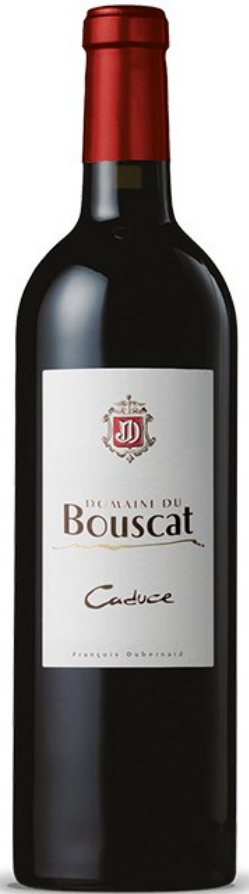
This wine has wonderful red berry fruit aromas that burst from the glass. It is fruit forward on the palate, with red cherry and raspberry fruit flavors balanced with fantastic minerality and soft tannins.

Serve with

Pair this with grilled steak or braised short ribs. And even pizza!

Cellaring

Drink 2019-2023



Scores/Awards **87 points** - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate #236 - April 2018
85 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate Interim Issue - February 2018
87 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - March 2018
91 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2018
89 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2016
86-88 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2016

Reviews *"The 2015 Caduce is deep garnet-purple colored with a nose of baked berries, dried herbs, spice cake and warm plums notes. The palate is medium-bodied, fresh, spicy and earthy with chewy tannins and a long finish."*
- LPB, Wine Advocate

"Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, the 2015 Caduce is made up of 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec and 5% Cabernet Franc with a nose of crushed red and black currants with spicy notions and a touch of dried herbs. The medium-bodied mouth is a little lean and chewy but clean with an earthy finish."
- LPB, Wine Advocate

"The 2015 Caduce is a blend of 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% each of Cabernet Franc and Malbec raised for 14 months in one-, two- and three-year-old barrels. It has a highly aromatic, peppermint-tinged bouquet that is nicely defined. The palate is soft and fleshy on the entry with mulberry and blackberry notes, becoming grainier in texture toward the finish while maintaining a sense of approachability. Fine."
- NM, Wine Journal

"A juicy and fruity wine with pepper and spice aromas and flavors. Medium to full body and firm and silky tannins. Don't miss this great value wine. Drink now or hold."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Floral, fresh and loaded with sweet, ripe, juicy black cherries topped with licorice in a round, easy to like forward style."
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"The 2015 Caduce, the entry-level wine from Domaine du Bouscat, delivers serious quality for the money. Mocha, espresso, plum and dark red cherry are nicely delineated. Best of all, this juicy, succulent red should be a tremendous value. If I have a quibble here, it is that the flavors are a bit roasted, but that is a pretty small critique at this level. The 2015 is 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec and 5% Cabernet Franc. Yields were just 30 hectoliters per hectare and the wine is projected to spend 20 months in barrels from top-shelf coopers, so this is a highly ambitious wine."
- AG, Vinous
