

Domaine Du Bouscat Caduce 2016

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 a 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

A complicated start: heavy rains during winter and springtime (double the normal amount) have put a lot of pressure on diseases.

Luck was on our side: after 15 days of rain in June, the flowering stage, an essential step, took place in a very homogeneous and rapid way suggesting a generous harvest.

A fantastic Summer: a long period from mid-June to mid-September without a drop of water generates a water constraint propitious for the concentration of the grapes and therefore to the density of the wine. The accumulated rainwater reserves and the cool nights (favorable for the preservation of aromas) allowed the berries to ripen without difficulty. The storms of mid-September, which we needed to finish the process of maturation of the plant, allowed an unexpected end of maturity.

Harvest

Picked from 7-16 October

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 microbullage. 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

With a ruby color, this wine enchants with aromas of currant, cassis and licorice. In the mouth it has a great freshness, with fine and elegant tannins. It is a very ample wine, seductive and exuberant.

Serve with

Domaine du Bouscat is best served at 15.5 degrees Celsius, 60 degrees F. The cool, almost cellar temperature gives the wine more freshness and lift. This allows the wine to soften and open its perfume. Domaine du Bouscat is best paired with grilled lamb ribs, roasted red meats, risotto with black truffles and lamb shank.

Cellaring

Drink 2018-2024

Scores/Awards

85 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate Interim Issue - November 2018

87-89 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #230 - April 2017

88 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2017



Reviews *“Composed of 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec and 5% Cabernet Franc, the 2016 Caduce is medium to deep garnet-purple colored with crushed red and black currants with spicy notions and a touch of dried herbs. Medium-bodied, it is a little lean and chewy but clean in the mouth with an earthy finish.”*
- LPB, Wine Advocate

“The 2016 Caduce from Château Bouscat was picked from 7-16 October, a blend of 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec and 5% Cabernet Franc. It has a crisp blackberry and blueberry scented bouquet with a pastille-like purity, quite generous and nicely defined. The palate is medium-bodied with a gentle grip on the entry. The acidity is well judged with fine salinity and hopefully it will develop a little more persistence on the finish by the time it is bottled. There is good potential here.”
- NM, Wine Advocate

“Made from a blend of 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec and 5% Cabernet Franc, the wine is deep and dark in color, with licorice, espresso, and dark red berries. Forward, easy drinking, fruity and crowd pleasing in style. It's very hard to a better wine for the money.”
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com
