



— *Pessac Léognan* —

CHÂTEAU DE CRUZEAU ROUGE
2012

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.

APPELLATION

Pessac-Léognan AOC

SOURCING

Château de Cruzeau estate vineyards

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc

WINEMAKING

Château de Cruzeau's 20-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, 40% new.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2012 season began wet and cool in April, but by the time July arrived, a drought had set in that lasted through mid-September. Sorting and vineyard management were crucial and yields were kept low, yielding wines with expressive fruit, moderate alcohol, and firm tannins.

TASTING NOTES

The expressive nose features notes of raspberry, vanilla, and spice. The wine is powerful on the palate, structured by firm yet velvety tannins and good acidity. Flavors of black currant, tobacco and minerality lead to a long finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.6
TA 2.9 g/L
RS 0.4 g/L
Alc. 13.0%

WINEMAKER

Sebastien Cogny

FOUNDER

André Lurton