



— *Pessac-Léognan* —

CHÂTEAU DE CRUZEAU ROUGE

2015

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, 45% 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

"2015 should easily be the best [Bordeaux] vintage since 2010," says Wine Spectator's James Molesworth. A perfect growing season with a warm and dry summer and the ideal amount of rain in August and September yielded complex, aromatic wines with food-friendly acidity.

TASTING NOTES

The nose features ripe fruit aromas with hints of almond and vanilla. The wine is powerful on the palate, with firm acidity and velvety yet structured tannins. Bright cassis and cherry preserve notes lead to a long finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.6

TA 3.3 g/L

RS < 0.1 g/L

Alc. 13.4%

WINEMAKER

Sébastien Cogny

FOUNDER

André Lurton