



CHÂTEAU COUSTAUT

Bordeaux, France

Chateau Coustaut is an ancient domaine run by the Ardurats family, it has been passed from father to son since the 16th century, predating the reign of King Henry IV! The vineyards, covering 40 hectares, are located in two villages in the north of Graves at the border of Pessac-Leognan, La Brede and Saint-Morillon. Maintaining the tradition of the region has always been a priority for the Ardurats. Before the big frost in 1956, which destroyed a quarter of the vineyards in Bordeaux, the Graves area was renowned for their white wines. Today, of course, the most famous wines from the Graves are red, but Coustaut continues the tradition of white wine in the region with half of their production in white.

Mostly, Coustaut has terroir with black sand mixed with gravel for the topsoil and then a deep gravel subsoil; the remaining 20% of the vineyards have a clay and limestone soil. The north of Graves is considered the 'preferred' area of Graves as they have gravel, instead of the sand found in the south. Taking good care of the soil and vines for future generations has always been a priority for Coustaut and in 2003, they were one of the first wineries in Bordeaux to become certified sustainable by Terra Vitis. Each plot of vineyards borders forest, boosting the biodiversity in the vineyards. The surrounding forests help create natural balance in the vineyards and Coustaut has not treated for insects in more than ten years, other than flavescence dorées, which is required. It's also worth noting that the white vines are 30-40 years old on average.



Coustaut's combination of great, deep, gravelly terroir, old vines, generations of know-how, ecological treatments and reasonable yields with a careful vinification process and very judicious blending makes this white Graves a constant hit. Delicate and racy at the same time, lively while young, it evolves over the years to a brilliant bouquet without losing any of its complexity.

Please note that Château Coustaut is run by the same family as the Chateau Magneau. The Coustaut is a special blend selected by our agent, Franck Agostini.

Graves Blanc 2020 12/750ml

70% Sauvignon Blanc, 28% Sémillon and 2% Muscadelle. 2017 was a challenging year in Bordeaux because of frost and hail and at Coustaut, they had 85% less fruit than normal. Fortunately, the quality on what remained on the vines came out very well. The vines are 30-40 years old on average. Each variety is vinified separately in stainless steel vats at low and controlled temperatures to preserve all the grapes' potential. Unfined and unfiltered.

Technical Specifications

SKU: DB1349-20

Product Type: White Wine

Appellation: Graves

Varietal: Sauvignon Blanc

Farming Type: Sustainable