

# CHÂTEAU CARBONNIEUX

## GRAND CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

### RED 2022

We're exceptional ambassadors. Château Carbonnieux is a land of Graves, the largest wine estate in the Pessac-Léognan appellation in the Bordeaux region, marked by 7 centuries of history. We are a family, the Perrin family. For 4 generations, we've been passionately cultivating a taste for beauty. To taste the wines of Château Carbonnieux is to travel through its history.

The vegetative cycle began with a rather early budburst around March 20, quickly followed by a series of early morning frosts in the very first days of April. Late pruning and frost control by our winegrowers spared the vineyard. Only 2% of the vineyards, scattered across the top of the plateau, were affected. Bunch emergence was **promising** and flowering took place in **very good conditions**.

Heavy rainfall in June gave way to **exceptionally dry, hot weather** in July and August, enabling us to stop spraying altogether until the harvest. Thanks to these weather conditions, disease and pest pressures were almost non-existent.

Thus, the vines protected themselves during their development and didn't really suffer from the heat. Only the young vines showed signs of weakness. However, the lack of rain had an impact on the grapes, which produced **smaller berries of excellent concentration**. Yields are therefore moderate in 2022, but **quality is exceptional**.

The red harvest began on September 6, with grapes that expressed their full potential during alcoholic fermentation, revealing plenty of fruit, retaining freshness and exceptional concentration. Total polyphenol levels are at record levels, enabling Petit Verdot, for example, to fulfill its mission as a complementary grape variety. The harvest will end on September 23, with almost no rain. The Merlot grapes are fruity and very soft, while the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are powerful but with an elegant tannic structure. Everything points suggests that this will be a great wine for ageing.



**Appellation** Pessac-Léognan

**Growing method**

100% of the vineyard is cultivated without endocrine disruptors or herbicides, mainly using Biocontrol.  
Member of SME Bordeaux and HVE-certified vineyard since 2017.

**Vineyard area** 100 hectares / **Red area** 55 hectares

**Terroir** Deep Garonne gravel and clay

**Average age of red vineyard** 26 years / **Density** 7200 vine stock / ha

**Harvest dates**

Merlot from 06/09/2022 to 14/09/2022  
Petit Verdot on the 14/09/2022  
Cabernet Franc on the 13/09/2022  
Cabernet Sauvignon from 15/09/2022 to 23/09/2022

Hand-harvested, double selection of berries (sorting on the vine and on the table)

**Yield** 32 hl/ha      **%Alc** 15,00      **Ph** 3,75

**Alcoholic fermentation** in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks (26-27°C). Average duration of 20 days.

**Vatting time** 3 to 4 weeks extraction by pumping over

**Ageing** 15 to 18 months in Bordeaux barrels including 40% of new oak

**Blending** 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 3% Cabernet franc, 5% Petit Verdot

**Bottling** May 2024

**Production** 160 000 bottles

**Tasting note**

« The wine has a deep ruby color with violet reflections. It gives off aromas of black fruits such as blueberries and blackberries. After aeration, floral aromas of hyacinth and roses, as well as spicy notes of licorice, become perceptible. On the palate, the attack is soft, with tannins that develop into a round, well-balanced structure. The mid-palate is lively, combining texture and freshness, with notes of nutmeg and red fruit. »