## Château Carbonnieux

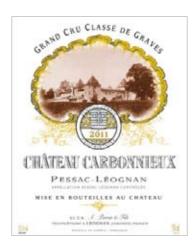
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## Pessac-Léognan

Owner: the Perrin family



One of the most ancient winegrowing estates in Bordeaux, Château Carbonnieux has made wine without interruption since the  $13^{\text{th}}$  century. The château itself is an impressive building dating from the  $14^{\text{th}}$  century that had as many as twelve towers at one time.

The first owners — and accomplished winegrowers — were the Benedictine monks of Sainte-Croix abbey in Bordeaux, who made internationally-renowned red and white wines centuries ago. They also succeeded in introducing their pale-coloured, crystalclear white wine to the palace of the Sultan of Constantinople by labelling it "Mineral Water of Carbonnieux" to get around the prohibition against alcoholic beverages...

For over fifty years, Carbonnieux has belonged to the Perrin family, winegrowers from father to son since the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Located on the highest point in the commune of Léognan, on soil that is perfectly drained by a stream called L'Eau Blanche, Carbonnieux's terroir is especially conducive to producing fine quality red and white wines.

Area under vine

92 hectares

Production

Red wine: 200,000 bottles - White wine: 180,000 bottles

Soil

Deep gravel on slopes with clay soil

Grape varieties

 ${\it Red wine: 60\% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30\% Merlot, 7\% Cabernet franc, 3\% Petit Verdot and Carmen\`ere}$ 

White wine: 65% Sauvignon, 35% Sémillon

Barrel ageing Second wine Red wine: 15-18 months - White wine: 10 months - New barrels: Red wine: 35-40% - White wine: 30%

La Croix de Carbonnieux - Château Tour Léognan

Co-Managers: Éric Perrin and Philibert Perrin