

CHÂTEAU RAHOUL



GRAVES

Owner: Alain Thiénot



In 1646, Chevalier Guillaume Rahoul built a lovely manor house which he named after himself. The vineyards were expanded in the late 18th century by Pierre Balguerie, at which time Rahoul grew to its present boundaries.

Thanks to English, Australian, and Danish owners, Château Rahoul attained international recognition starting in the 1970s.

Alain Thiénot, from Champagne, who already possessed vineyards in Bordeaux, bought Rahoul in 1986 and undertook an ambitious modernisation programme. The acquisition of a shareholding by Dourthe in the Thienot group in 2007 was a benchmark in the château's uncompromising approach to quality. Sizeable investments were made in renovating the vineyard and equipping the cellars, and the wine is now made by the Dourthe team, relying on state-of-the-art techniques.

Unusual in that it is made predominantly from Sémillon, the white wine faithfully reflects the finesse and elegance of Rahoul's terroir. The attractive red wine features a very refined style, silky tannin, and a full, rich flavour.

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Area under vine	38 hectares
Production	Red wine: 100,000 bottles - White wine: 12,000 bottles
Soil	Sandy-gravel and clay-gravel
Grape varieties	Red wine: 73% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot White wine: 61% Sémillon, 39% Sauvignon
Barrel ageing	Red wine: 12-14 months - White wine: 8-10 months New barrels: Red wine: 20-30% - White wine: 10-20%
Second wine	L'Orangerie de Rahoul

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