

CHÂTEAU LESTAGE DARQUIER

This family property was created in the 19th century by M. Darquier and his wife, Madame Lestage. Six generations later, the estate is much smaller in size due to the heavy tax burden of inheritance, and it is now Francois and Brigitte Bernard who farm their 8ha of vines planted in the district of Grand Poujeaux in Moulis en Medoc.



A small hill district made famous by Chateau Chasse-Spleen, the terrior here is considered to be among the finest in the Medoc, as its fine gravel over Garrone clay is very draining. Chateau Lestage Darquier makes just one wine and concentrates every effort towards creating a balanced and very elegant wine that is classic of their small sub-climate and terrior.

Since 2004, the couple has practiced La "Protection Raisonnee du Vignoble" in collaboration with the Chamber of Agriculture of the Gironde. Certified "Terra Vitis", this husband and wife team applies sustainable winemaking practices that engage the whole environment, while operating under complete transparency in regards to their growing and winemaking decisions.

Initially founded in 1932 by the Bordeaux Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Agriculture, in reaction to the 1855 Classification of Crus Classés, the classification Cru Bourgeois underwent a number of transformations until arriving at its current state in 2010. Awarded annually to individual wines, as opposed to the Chateau, the classification is based on an assessment of methodology and on the quality of the end product. Each annual list is published two years after the vintage.

MOULIS EN MEDOC



CRU BOURGEOIS



Varietal/Blend: 55% Cabernet Sauvignon / 43% Merlot / 2% Cabernet Franc

Farming Practices: protection raisonnée du Vignoble "Terra Vitis"

Elevation / Exposure: 30m / multiple exposures

Soil: gravelly soils over clay substrate

Vine Training: double Guyot

Harvest Technique: by hand

Year Vines Were Planted: 1975

Yeast: selected

Fermentation: fermentation in 106HL stainless steel tanks at 26°

Malolactic: yes

Maturation: 12 months in oak (33% new)

Vegan: no

Alcohol: 13.5%

Fined: yes, albumen

Filtered: yes

Country: France

Region: Bordeaux

Subregion: Moulis

Vineyard: estate

Vineyard Size: 10 ha.

Production #s: 4,000 cases