

VIGNOBLES GONET - BORDEAUX

Château Lesparre

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The Properties and Vineyards

Lesparre in 1986. The château is surrounded by 180 hectares of vineyards in the communes of Caillau and Vayres. In 1999, a further 80 hectares and properties were purchased on l'Île Verte in the estuary of the Gironde opposite Margaux. There followed the acquisition of three properties in Pessac-Léognan (Graves). Those properties have been totally restored and the wines of Château Haut Bacalan, where the philosopher Montesquieu once lived, is now in production. With its 6.5 hectares, it is one of only five wine-producing châteaux of the village: the others include Haut-Brion, La Mission-Haut-Brion, and Pape-Clément. The most recent acquisitions were Château d'Eck, a

medieval 13th century castle near Cadaujac, and Château Saint-Eugène in the commune of Martillac. Together they cover 20 hectares including 5 h/a in Graves *sableuses* and 14 h/a in Graves sur Argiles. They bring the total Bordeaux vineyard production of the Gonet family estate to 300 hectares.

Modern Vinification Techniques

grapes are harvested and sorted manually, at Château Lesparre they are heated to a temperature between 40 - 65° depending on the required result. They then undergo a sudden change of pressure from 1 atmosphere to a quasi-vacuum. This **flash-détente** system bursts the cells of the film of the grapes thereby extracting normally inaccessible components by traditional methods. The grapes are cooled to 20 - 30° whereafter a traditional fermentation takes place. The advantages of this system are a better fruit concentration, a fuller and more complex aroma, less risk of volatile acidity, and the elimination of *laccase* (rot enzyme). The technology brings two significant being

(a) the production of high class wines, and (b) the reduction of risk in more difficult vintages. The other main technological innovation was the introduction of **micro-oxygenation**, a technique developed in collaboration with a Madiran wine producer, the Chamber of Agriculture of the Gironde, and the IRNA. Whilst it was prohibited until 1998, Vignobles Gonet were given special dispensation to use the technology four years before other Bordeaux producers. Their are two profound exchanges which take place with cask ageing. The first is the aromatic exchange between the roasted oak and the wine: the second is the minor exchange of oxygen both entering and leaving the barrel. That second phenomenon, known as "soft oxidation", is what micro-oxygenation achieves but on a much larger scale in stainless steel tanks. It therefore has the same aeration effect as oak *élevage*. The system is the same as that used for the aeration of aquariums, with pure oxygen being released at regular intervals through a ceramic micropore diffusion.

Wines	Vintage	Euro price ex cellars bottle	£ IBD per case to England & Wales
<u>Château Lesparre - 6/75cl</u>			
WHITE WINES			
Château Lesparre Entre-Deux-Mers <i>green bottle</i> 55% Sémillon; 35% Sauvignon; 10% Muscadelle	2004/05	€ 2.45	£16.79
Château Lesparre Entre-Deux-Mers <i>blue bottle</i> 55% Sémillon; 35% Sauvignon; 10% Muscadelle	2004/05	€ 2.80	£18.03
Château Lesparre Graves de Vayres (<i>oak aged</i>)	2003/04	€ 4.00	£23.45
RED WINES			
Chapelle de Lesparre Bordeaux Supérieur 12.5° 70% Merlot; 15% Cabernet Sauvignon; 15% Cabernet Franc	2003	€ 2.65	£17.63
Château Lesparre Bordeaux Supérieur 12.5° 70% Merlot; 15% Cabernet Sauvignon; 15% Cabernet Franc 2000 Silver Medal Vinalies)	2000/01	€ 3.15	£19.77
Château Lesparre Bordeaux Supérieur 12.5° "Cuvée Excellence" (<i>oak aged</i>) 80% Merlot; 15% Cabernet Sauvignon; 5% Cabernet Franc	1999	€ 4.75	£26.78
Château Lesparre Graves de Vayres 12.5° (<i>oak aged</i>)	2000/01	€ 5.35	£29.32
Grand Vin de Château Lesparre Graves de Vayres (<i>oak aged</i>)	1998	€ 13.00	£63.13

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Wines	Vintage	Euro price ex cellars bottle	£ IBD per case
<u>Château Durand-Bayle - 6/75cl</u>			
WHITE WINES			
Château Durand-Bayle Graves de Vayres 12.5° <i>(oak aged)</i>	2002/04	€ 5.00	£28.08
RED WINES			
Château Durand-Bayle Graves de Vayres 12.5° <i>(oak aged)</i>	2000/03	€ 6.40	£33.99
Château Durand-Bayle Bordeaux Supérieur 12.5° 3 ltr Bag-in-box	2001/03	€ 13.00	£15.56
<u>Château Lathibaude - 6/75cl</u>			
WHITE WINES			
Château Lathibaude Graves de Vayres 12.5° <i>(oak aged)</i>	2003/04	€ 4.30	£24.94
RED WINES			
Chapelle de Lathibaude Bordeaux Supérieur 12.5°	2001/03	€ 2.90	£18.88
Château Lathibaude Bordeaux Supérieur 12.5°	2001/03	€ 3.60	£21.86
Château Lathibaude Clairet 12.5°	2001/03	€ 2.65	£17.68
Château Lathibaude Graves de Vayres 12.5° <i>(oak aged)</i>	2001/03	€ 5.90	£31.80
<u>Wines from l'Île Verte, Gironde (Green Island) - 6/75cl</u>			
RED WINES			
Château Belle Île Bordeaux Supérieur 12.5°	2001/02	€ 3.65	£22.06
Château de l'Île Verte Bordeaux Supérieur 12.5°	2000/02	€ 3.90	£23.10
Château la Terrasse de l'Île Verte Bordeaux Supr. 12.5°	2000/02	€ 5.80	£31.56
Château la Terrasse de l'Île Verte Bordeaux Supr. 12.5° <i>"Cuvée Michel Gonet"</i>	2000	€ 8.00	£41.00
L'Île Verte Bordeaux Supérieur 12.5° <i>"My Old Vines"</i>	2000	€ 5.40	£29.57
L'Île Verte Bordeaux Supérieur 12.5° <i>"Nurtured in Barrels" (oak aged)</i>	2000	€ 6.75	£35.53
<u>Wines from Pessac-Léognan, Graves - 6/75cl</u>			
RED WINES			
Château d'Eck, Pessac-Léognan 12.5° <i>45% Cabernet Sauvignon; 50% Merlot; 5% Petit Verdot</i>	2002/03	€ 9.30	£46.72
Château Haut Bacalan, Pessac-Léognan 12.5° <i>100% Merlot</i>	2001/03	€ 15.95	£75.56

TERMS OF SALE - Ex Cellars Orders

Minimum Order: 25 cases 12/75cl or equivalent; prices: Euros per bottle ex cellars without tax/TVA

Payment: strictly 60 days from invoice/collection date subject to Coface/Gipac approval

TERMS OF SALE - In Bond Delivered Orders

Minimum Order: 12 cases 12/75cl or equivalent

Prices: £ sterling per case delivered England/Wales (less £2.25 c/s for 15-19 cases; less £4.50 c/s for 20-24 c/s)

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