

BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU BÉHÈRÉ
LE POUYALET

Ann-Marie and Jean-Gabriel Camou
Pauillac 3.5 hectares

Chateau Béhère occupies a former stable just down the road from Chateau Mouton Rothschild in the northern Pauillac hamlet of Pouyalet. M. Camou grew up in Pauillac wanting to be a vigneron and as a young man worked with his uncle who owned a vineyard. His parents however convinced him to take up a trade and he began a career in plumbing. When local industry left the area in the 1970's he gave up his business and began his second career, the one that he always wanted. He worked for a number of years at Chateau Lynch Bages and began buying small vineyard plots in different sectors of Pauillac. The first bottling from Chateau Béhère was the vintage 1994. Together Jean-Gabriel and his wife, Ann-Marie, cultivate 3.5 hectares. The vineyards are planted with 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 2% Petit Verdot. They were for the most part replanted in 1968 and 1990 giving an average vine age of 25 years. The grape varieties are fermented separately in stainless steel vats after which they are blended and then matured for between twelve and sixteen months in barrels (one third new).

Chateau Béhère belongs to the federation of Crus Artisans, a group of artisan vine-growers in the Medoc. This group has recently revitalized a denomination that has existed for more than 150 years. The crus artisans estates seek to promote their identity as small, independent, creative and passionate wine producers.

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