

BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU DU GRAND BOS
CASTRES-PORTETS

M. André Vincent
Graves 11.5 hectares

Château du Grand Bos is located in Castres, in a part of the Graves appellation where one finds some of the oldest Bordeaux vineyards dating from 2,000 years ago. The vineyard lies near the old Roman road named "Chemin Gallien". The Château is listed as a leading estate in its commune in editions of Cocks & Feret going back to 1868. The vineyard, whose soil is composed of very deep gravel, ceased being cultivated in the 1950's and when M. Vincent bought the property in 1988 it was in poor condition. He immediately set out to replant and restore the vineyard as well as the Château. For now, M. Vincent is able to achieve an average vine age of 35 years by utilizing a portion of his neighbor's vineyard. 25 acres are planted to red grapes in the proportions: 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc.

2½ acres are planted to white grapes in the proportions: 60% Semillon, 30% Sauvignon Blanc and 10% Muscadelle. The white wine is fermented in barrel (50% new wood) and remains on its lees with frequent stirring for eight months. Less than 400 cases are produced.

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