

BORDEAUX

CHÂTEAU MAGNEAU
LA BRÈDE

Henri Ardurats and family
Graves 41 hectares

Graves wines, like the region, are seldom obvious, they tend to be undramatic, undemanding and gentle; with much that may be revealed to the discriminating. - Wines of the Graves, Pamela Vandyke Price

Château Magneau is an ancient property that has been run by the Ardurat family since before the reign of Henri IV. It is located in the historic commune of La Brède, well known for its moated castle where Montesquieu was born. Here in the heart of the Graves appellation, the historic birthplace of the Bordeaux vineyards, the Ardurats farm 41 hectares of land with deep gravelly soil. Farming is done without the use of chemical insecticides and all harvesting is done by hand. Before entering the winery all grape bunches are sorted to insure the highest quality of fruit. The Ardurats are a member of Terra Vitis, an organization that certifies the practice of sustainable agriculture as well as high standards for the wine's vinification.

Graves Blanc - The white wine is made from 45% Sauvignon Blanc, 45% Semillon and 10% Muscadelle. The average age of the vines is 30 years. Each variety is fermented separately in stainless steel tanks at low temperatures to preserve the grapes' aromatic qualities. The wine is blended and bottled before the spring of the following year.

Graves Blanc Cuvée Julien - The Cuvée Julien is a blend of 60% Semillon and 40% Sauvignon Blanc. The wine is barrel fermented in new oak and continues to mature on its lees for 10 months. The wine has richly layered fruit and is well structured. It will improve with bottle age for up to seven years.

Graves Rouge - The wine is a blend of 50% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc. It is aged in barrel for one and a half to two years during which period it is racked several times and then fined before bottling.

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