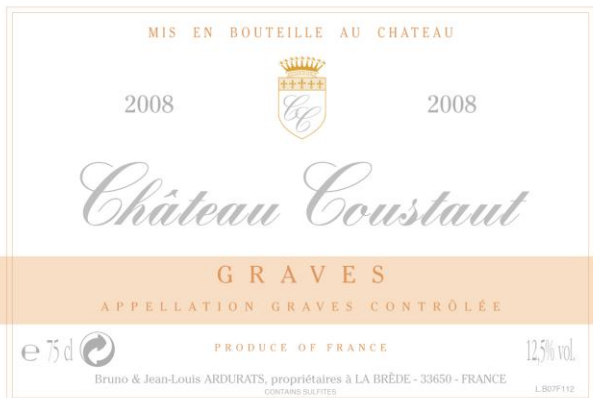




BORDELAIS



North-Graves
Area of Production

HIGHLIGHTS

Terroir: Gravelly soil

Characteristics: Château COUSTAUT

30 to 40-year-old vines on average.

Ample and very aromatic white Graves offering a brilliant nose of citrus fruits, hints of floral tones, mineral and gravelly / silex notes. Full, complex and rich palate of white flowers, grapefruits zest and pear skins aromas. Very long, mineral and tasty finish.

Press Review: BRONZE Medal Concours Vins d'Aquitaine - 2007 Vint. 1* **Very Good Wine** - 2009 Issue **Guide HACHETTE** des Vins

Château COUSTAUT

GRAVES BLANC

Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée

45% Sauvignon Blanc

45% Semillon

10% Muscadelle

40 Hectares (98.8 Acres) -- 61.75 acres for white

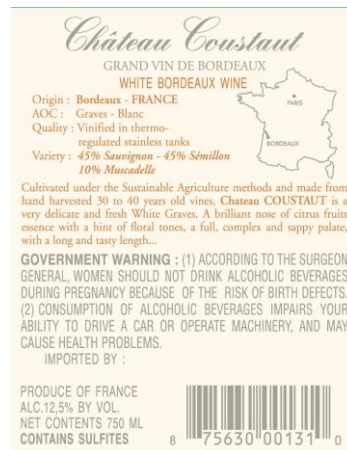
"TERRA VITIS" Sustainable Agriculture

Hand harvested - Aged in stainless steel tanks

Vintage(s) on sale: 2009

Specifications:

30 to 40-year-old vines on average.



US Back-label

Château COUSTAUT is an ancient estate, run by the **ARDURATS Family**, direct descendants of a line of wine growers from before the reign of the French King Henri IV (late 16th century). The property covers 40 hectares of both Red and White vines (nearly 100 acres in total) in the villages of La Brede (home of the famous writer Montesquieu) and Saint-Morillon, both located in the heart of the Graves, historic birthplace of the Bordeaux vineyards, and bordering on the Pessac-Leognan Appellation.

The soil, mainly deep gravel as shown in the picture, is ideally situated on well-exposed slopes and produces very racy, dry white wine. To help protect the environment, ecologically sound pest control and **Sustainable Agriculture** practices have been used at **Château COUSTAUT** for several years. The white vines are 30 to 40 years old in average. Harvesting is done 100% by hand at the grapes' best maturity, then sorted before being taken, intact, to the pneumatic press. Each variety is then vinified separately in stainless steel vats at low and controlled temperatures to preserve all the grapes' potential.

Château COUSTAUT is simply what we call in French a "*valeur sure*" for our portfolio. Great deep gravelly terroir, old vines, generations of know-how, ecological treatments and reasonable yields. Careful vinification process and very judicious blending... not an easy but a successful recipe to make this **White Graves** a constant hit. Delicate and racy at the same time, lively while young, it evolves over the years to a brilliant bouquet without losing any of its complexity... to the contrary. **Château COUSTAUT** is a pure wonder you can't do without in your own selection!

Vines & terroir – **Chateau COUSTAUT**



Old Sauvignon Vine

