

C H A T E A U X

CHATEAU MERIC AND CHATEAU CHANTE L'OISEAU

Certified organically cultivated vineyards since 1964 and 1988.
No artificial aroma

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AN OLD FAMILY WITH A TRADITION OF QUALITY

Sylvie and François BARRON are seventh generation family owners both Chateau Meric and Chateau Chante l'Oiseau. The vineyards of each are cultivated Organically, Chateau Meric since 1964 and Chateau Chante l'Oiseau since 1988.

The Barron family have always cared for their vines by organic principles, and have been certified by Nature and Progress since the farming organisation was founded in the early sixties. The vineyard is surrounded by forests, avoiding any outside pollutants; only natural fertilisers and treatments are used to nourish and protect the plants. Fruit and nut trees are interplanted with vines to encourage natural insect predators. No additives are used to flavour the wine; only a minimum of sulphur is added to avoid spoilage.

Their entire production is Appellation GRAVES Controlée, an area south of Bordeaux City,

The Barrons cultivate a wide range of Bordeaux grapes, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc for red wines, Semillon, Sauvignon and Muscadelle for whites.

THE GRAVES APPELLATION

The Graves vineyards, planted in the first centuries of the Roman conquest on the very doorstep of Burdigala, the Roman name for Bordeaux, are home to some of the greatest Bordeaux wines.

The Graves vineyards have a sub-soil of clay, sand and iron hard pan (sand hardened), limestone and shell marl.

The Graves are in fact layers of gravel and stones, rounded by water, varying in thickness from some twenty centimetres to over 3 meters.

The Graves wine region starts north of Bordeaux at the 'Jalle de Blanquefort' and finishes upstream from Langon on the Garonne. The river constitutes the eastern limit of the vineyard along its entire length, while the western boundary is formed by the pine forest of the Landes, which also protect it from climatic extremes.