



GRAND **C**ERCLE
DES VINS DE BORDEAUX

Press Kit

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The Grand Cercle des Vins de Bordeaux came into existence thanks to the aim of Alain Raynaud, its president and founder, to bring together in one entity the wines of the Right and Left Banks.

The Cercle Rive Droite, established in July 2002, has represented for the past 10 years a selection of 113 wines whose keyword is excellence.

As for the **Cercle Rive Gauche**, it was founded in April 2013. A parallel association to the Cercle Rive Droite, it groups together 51 wine estates carefully selected for the quality of their wine.

The concept is to take advantage of the drive and efficiency of the Cercle Rive Droite, to promote the fine wines of the Médoc, Graves and Sauternes.

With almost 164 wines, the Grand Cercle des Vins de Bordeaux presents, during its trips abroad, a showcase of Bordeaux wines selected for their high quality. Its vocation is to prove that in Bordeaux there are superb, top-of-the-range and reasonably priced wines!

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Uniting Talents

CHARACTERISTICS

Points in common

The Grand Cercle properties all share the following:

- A common geographical location, Bordeaux, namely the right bank and the left bank of the Gironde river.

For the right bank, the estates are situated in the following appellations: Bordeaux, Bordeaux Supérieur, Graves de Vayres, Sainte-Foy Bordeaux, Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux, Côtes de Bourg, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux, Francs Côtes de Bordeaux, Pomerol, Lalande de Pomerol, Fronsac, Canon Fronsac, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Montagne Saint-Emilion, Lussac Saint-Emilion.

For the left bank, the estates are situated in the following appellations :

Médoc, Saint-Estèphe, Pauillac, Saint-Julien, Listrac, Margaux, Haut-Médoc, Graves, Pessac-Léognan, Sauternes.

- A common fundamental focus on quality and expressing the individual personality of their wines.
- Common ethical practices with regard to production and the way the wines are taken to market.

ETHICAL PRACTICES

Meticulous, passionate gardeners

The Grand Cercle wines are united by a code of practice with obligations in the following domains:

- A continuous quest for innovation: analysis of cross sections of the different land types, study of the water drainage and retention characteristics of the plots, disease control with the least possible recourse to chemical products.
- Control of yields: pruning, bud and sucker removal, etc. The use of a multitude of techniques to achieve optimally ripe grapes in clean, disease-free condition.
- Vineyard protection, rational use of pesticides: taking into account the whole ecosystem and protecting it, ensuring the sustained survival of organic balances.
- Care when harvesting grapes, recommending manual harvesting: carrying fruit in trays, sorting and selection of grapes in the vineyard and in the vathouse.
- Ageing the wines in oak barrels: seeking to express specific aromatic qualities and more complex bouquets.
- Welcoming visitors to the estates: introducing passing callers-in to the vineyards, the landscapes and wines.

Uniting Talents

SOME FIGURES

164 properties
27 appellations

ORGANISATION

President: Alain Raynaud

Cercle Rive Droite

President : Alain Raynaud

Cercle Rive Gauche

President : Francis Boutemy

Board of 7 Directors

Technical Commission / Admissions Commission

Promotion Commission / Youngs Commission

Permanent staff:

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In Quest of Excellence

Over the centuries, Bordeaux has provided the whole world with a range of appealing, attractive wines with strong personalities that have often been envied. History shows that the first wines to carry this reputation abroad came from the left bank (Medoc and Graves), especially because they were close to the port of Bordeaux and because of the English occupation that lasted several hundreds of years. However the right bank of the Gironde river is recognised for its innovative qualities and its continuous quest for perfection. The Grand Cercle, one of the leading organisations in the area, even checks the quality of its wines every year and displays this with its own logo that it applies under its own authority to the bottles.

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In Quest of Excellence

MONITORING QUALITY

Having set up obligatory tastings, which vouch for the quality of its wines every year, Cercle Rive Droite recently provided its members with a logo to advertise this quality.

Applied under the organisation's own authority to the bottles, the logo is a response to the need of consumers for a reference point and reassures them, beyond their recognition of the appellation in question, that they are buying quality.

Two annual obligatory tastings

To ensure that The Grand Cercle is not just a club made up of members who join by simply declaring themselves as such, but also a real selection of chateaux, united because of their quality, the Cercle submits all its wines to two obligatory tastings every year.

A vintage ready to be delivered undergoes a full blind tasting, carried out by an outside independent jury.

Every year, a concentration of skills, brought together at a unique moment in time to approve the quality of the wines of the Cercle !

A 'primeur' vintage is tasted blind in February by the Technical Commission of the Cercle.

The opinion of professionals based on samples of futures, is the best way to prepare for the official tastings to come . . .

Châteaux, Clos or Domaines members of the Cercle Rive Droite

BORDEAUX

Girolate	Despaigne Family
Château Mont-Pérat	Despaigne Family
Château Tour de Mirambeau <i>Cuvée Passion</i>	Despaigne Family

BORDEAUX SUPERIEUR

Château Brande-Bergère <i>Cuvée o'Byrne</i>	Denis and Edith Dalibot
Château Penin	Patrick Carteyron
Château Peyfaures	Nicole Godeau
Grand Vin de Reignac	Yves Vatelot
Château Sainte-Barbe	Brice de Gaye

SAINTE FOY BORDEAUX

Château Hostens-Picant	Yves and Nadine Hostens-Picant
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GRAVES DE VAYRES

Grand Vin du Château Lesparre	Michel Gonet and sons
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CADILLAC / COTES DE BORDEAUX

Château Clos Chaumont	Pieter Verbeek
Château Reynon	Dubourdieu family

BLAYE / COTES DE BORDEAUX

Château Haut Bertinerie	Eric and Frantz Bantegnies
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ENTRE-DEUX-MERS

Château Sainte-Marie	Stephane Dupuch
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COTES DE BOURG

Château Fougas Maldoror	Jean-Yves Béchet
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CASTILLON / COTES DE BORDEAUX

Château Ampélia	François Despaigne
Château Cap de Faugères	Silvio Denz
Château Côte Montpezat	Dominique Bessineau, J.F. Lalle
Château de Laussac	Alexandra and Nicolas Robin
Clos Puy Arnaud	Thierry Valette
Château Veyry	Christian Veyry

FRANCS / COTES DE BORDEAUX

Château de Francs "les Cerisiers"	Hubert de Bouïard, Dominique Hébrard
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FRONSAC

Château Dalem	Brigitte Rullier-Loussert
Château de la Dauphine	Famille Labrune
Château Fontenil	Dany and Michel Rolland
Haut Carles	Constance and Stéphane Droulers
Château Moulin Haut-Laroque	Hervé family
Château de la Rivière	Xavier Buffo

Château Les Trois Croix
Château La Vieille Cure
Château Villars

CANON FRONSAC

Château Gaby
Château Moulin Pey Labrie

POMEROL

Château Beau Soleil
Château Bellegrave
Château Bonalque
Château Bourgneuf
Château La Clémence
Château Clinet
Clos du Clocher
Château La Commanderie
Clos l'Eglise
Château du Domaine de l'Eglise
Château Feytit Clinet
Château Lécuyer
Château Mazeyres
Château Le Moulin
Château Taillefer
Clos de la Vieille Eglise
Château Vieux Maillet
Clos Vieux Taillefer
Château Vray Croix de Gay

LALANDE DE POMEROL

L'Ambrosie
Château de Chambrun
Château Grand Ormeau
Château Jean de Gué
Château Perron la Fleur
Château Saint-Jean de Lavaud
La Sergue
Château Siaurac
Château Tournefeuille
Château de Viaud

SAINT-EMILION GRAND CRU

Château Boutisse
Château Carteau Côtes Daugay
Château Croix Cardinale
Château La Croizille
Clos Dubreuil
Château Ferrand Lartigue
La Fleur d'Arthus
Château Godeau
Clos les Grandes Versannes
Château La Grangère
Château L'Hermitage Lescours

Bertrand Léon
Christopher Gant
Thierry Gaudrie

SCEA Vignobles Gaby – Damien Landouar
Bénédicte and Grégoire Hubau

Thierry Rustmann/Thibaut Cruse
Jean-Marie Bouldy
Pierre and Jean-Baptiste Bourotte
Vayron family
Dauriac family
Jean-Louis and Ronan Laborde
Pierre and Jean-Baptiste Bourotte
Andrew and Mélodie Kuk / Julien Bordas
S. Garcin-Cathiard, H. Garcin-Lévêque
Héritiers Castéja
Jérémy Chasseuil
Emeric Petit
Alain Moueix
Michel Querre
Catherine Moueix
Jean-Louis and Benoît Trocard
Griet Van Malderen Laviale, Hervé Laviale
Nicolas and Alexandra Robin
Paul Goldschmidt and Artemis Domaines

Jean-Louis and Benoît Trocard
Julien Noël
Françoise Beton
Jean-Claude Aubert
Bertrand Massonie
Griet Van Malderen Laviale, Hervé Laviale
Chatonnet family
Paul Goldschmidt and Artemis Domaines
Emeric Petit
Groupe COFCO, Sophie Lafargue

Xavier and Marc Milhade
Bertrand family
Dominique and Florence Decoster
de Schepper family
Benoît Trocard
Pierre Chollet
Jean-Denis Salvert
Albéric Florisoone
Jean-Luc Sylvain
Patrice Bigou
Jean-Louis Ducatel

Château Laplagnotte-Bellevue
Lynsolence
Château Magnan La Gaffelière
Château Magrez Fombrauge
Château Montlabert
Château du Parc
Château Pas de l'Ane
Château Patris
Château Pindefleurs
Château Rol Valentin
Château Roylland
Château Soutard-Cadet
Château Tauzinat l'Hermitage
Château Tour Baladoz
Château Trianon

SAINT-EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE

Château Barde-Haut
Château Bellefont-Belcier
Château Destieux
Château Fleur Cardinale
Château Fombrauge
Château Fonplégade
Château Fonroque
Château Grand Corbin-Despaigne
Château Laroze
Clos La Madeleine
Château La Marzelle
Château de Pressac
Château Le Prieuré
Château Ripeau
Château Sansonnet
Château Yon-Figeac

MONTAGNE SAINT-EMILION

Château Faizeau
Château Messile Aubert
Reclos de la Couronne
Château Tour Bayard
Vieux Château Palon

LUSSAC SAINT-EMILION

Château de Barbe Blanche
Château du Courlat Cuvée Jean-Baptiste
Château de Lussac
Château La Rose Perrière

Arnaud de Labarre
Denis Barraud
Jean-Charles Morisseau
Bernard Magrez
Groupe Castel, Véréna Raoux
SCEA Vignobles Gaby – Damien Landouar
Nicolas Baptiste
Michel Querre
Audrey Lauret
Nicolas and Alexandra Robin
Jean-Bernard Chambard
Marie-Bénédicte Lefèvre
Catherine Moueix
Famille de Schepper
Dominique Hébrard

S. Garcin-Cathiard, H. Garcin-Lévêque
John Renos, E. de Saint Salvy
Dauriac family
Dominique and Florence Decoster
Bernard Magrez
Stephen and Denise Adams
Alain Moueix
François Despaigne
Guy Meslin
Jean-Charles Morisseau
Jacqueline Sioen, Philippe Genevey
Jean-François Quenin
Paul Goldschmidt and Artemis Domaines
Grégoire family
Marie-Bénédicte Lefèvre
Alain Château

Jean-Marc Dulong – Crus et Domaines de France
Jean-Claude Aubert
Thomas Thiou
Fanny Richard
Grégory Naulet

André Lurton
Pierre and Jean-Baptiste Bourotte
Hervé Laviale, Griet Van Malderen Laviale
Jean-Luc Sylvain

Châteaux, Clos or Domaines members of the Cercle Rive Gauche

MEDOC

Château La Cardonne
Château Les Grands Chênes
Château Greysac
Château Grivière
Château Haut Condissas
Château Patache d'Aux
Château Ramafort
Château Rollan de By
Château Tour Séran

Domaines CGR
Bernard Magrez
La haute couture du Vin by Jean Guyon
Domaines CGR
La haute couture du Vin by Jean Guyon
Antoine Moueix propriétés
Domaines CGR
La haute couture du Vin by Jean Guyon
La haute couture du Vin by Jean Guyon

HAUT-MEDOC

Château d'Agassac
Château d'Arcins
Château du Cartillon
Château Larrivaux
Château Lestage Simon
Château Liversan
Château Malescasse
Château Peyrat Fourthon
Château Peyredon Lagravette
Château de Villegeorge
The Winemakers' Collection

Groupama Assurances, Jean-Luc Zell
Groupe Castel, Véréna Raoux
Crus et Domaines de France, Jean-Marc Dulong
Béregère Tesseron
Crus et Domaines de France, Jean-Marc Dulong
Antoine Moueix propriétés
Philippe Austruy
Pierre Narboni
Laurence and Stéphane Dupuch
Marie-Laure Lurton
Philippe Raoux

LISTRAC

Château Cap Léon Veyrin

Famille Meyre

MARGAUX

Château d'Arsac
Château Haut-Breton Larigaudière
Château La Tour de Bessan

Philippe Raoux
de Schepper family
Marie-Laure Lurton

PAUILLAC

Château Bellegrave
Château Fonbadet

Meffre family
Peyronie family

SAINT-ESTEPHE

Château Clauzet
Château Sérilhac
Château Tour de Pez
Château Tour des Termes

Baron Velge
Didier Marcelis
Bouchara family
Anney family

SAINT-JULIEN

Château du Glana

Meffre family

GRAVES

Château Brondelle
Château de Cérons
Château Crabitey
Clos Floridène
Château Haura
Château Haut Selve
Château Roquetaillade La Grange
Château Saint Robert « Cuvée Poncet Deville »
Grand Enclos du Château de Cérons

Jean-Noël Belloc
Caroline and Xavier Perromat
Arnaud de Butler
Dubourdieu family
Dubourdieu family
Lesgourgues family
Dominique Guignard
BPCE Domaines
Giorgio Cavanna

PESSAC LEOGNAN

Château Couhins Lurton
Château de Cruzeau
Château Haut-Bacalan
Château Haut Lagrange
Château de Rochemorin
Château Le Sartre
Château Seguin

André Lurton
André Lurton
Michel Gonet and sons
Francis Boutemy
André Lurton
Marie José Leriche
Jean Darriet and Moïse Ohana

SAUTERNES

Château Cantegril
Château Haut Bergeron
Château de Myrat
Château Raymond Lafon

Dubourdieu family
Hervé Lamothe
de Pontac family
Meslier family

The Circle of Partners

The Cercle benefits from the financial support of its partners, companies that are particularly noted for their capacity of innovation.



ASSURANCES
Laurent THIERRY

