

## Vignobles Rodet Recapet

### France - Bordeaux

Vignobles Rodet Recapet is the owner of Château BrûleSécaille and Château La Gravière, located in the heart of the Côtes de Bourg region. The Recapet family purchased Château BrûleSécaille in 1924. 50 years later, in 1974, the estate was handed down from M. Pierre Recapet to his daughter and son in law, Martine and Jacques Rodet. Jacques, a viticulture, is the head winemaker, and his son Guillaume (a graduate of DUAD Bordeaux) oversees vinification operations in the cellar. Jacques believes in using natural methods to encourage ripening; he utilizes canopy management techniques, removes leaves and thins bunches as necessary. In September 2016 the estate received High Environmental Value level 3 Certification, which covers four key areas: biodiversity conservation, plant protection strategy, optimized management of fertilization and water management.

BrûleSécaille is a 23-hectare vineyard that has been classified as "Cru Bourgeois" since 1868. The name 'Brûlesécaille' derives from Gascon; "Bruler" means "to burn" and "sécaille" is from the latin "secare" meaning "to cut". According to tradition, they burn the cut vine branches during pruning.

Brûlesécaille is situated on a clay limestone outcrop. This particular soil composition dominates the Dordogne valley and allows excellent drainage in winter and spring. The vines enjoy nice sun exposure, encouraging consistent ripening vintage after vintage. Because the vineyard survived the particularly hard winter frosts of 1945, 1956 and 1991, there are some significant older vines, up to seventy-five years old.

Chateau La Gravière covers 5 hectares. The Rodet family also has a 2-hectare vineyard, Château YON St Christophe, bringing their total acreage to 30 hectares (74 acres). They produce 5 varietals:

- 54% Merlot
- 25% Cabernet Sauvignon
- 9% Cabernet Franc
- 7.5% Sauvignon Blanc and Gris
- 4.5% Malbec

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