Chateau Cambon la Pelouse

France - Bordeaux

Cambon la Pelouse is located in Macau, between Chateau Giscours and Chateau Cantemerle, just outside the Margaux appellation. The estate is rich in history, changing hands many times over the past few centuries.

The property was originally the Seigneury of Lapelouze, owned by the sire of Antiège, the adviser and secretary of the king. He sold it to Jean de Cambon-Lapelouze in the late 1600's. During the French Revolution, the estate was seized as a national property, but then returned to Jean de Cambon-Lapelouze. After Jean's death, the estate was inherited by his only daughter, Coralie. After more changes in ownership, a crippling frost in 1956 and replantings in the 1970's, the estate was sold to Annick and Jean-Pierre Marie, owners of Château Trois Moulins.

Annick and Jean-Pierre Marie have made great investments and renovations in the property. In 2001 they added an effluent treatment plant, and in 2009, the winery began converting its vineyards to sustainable & organic farming. Today the vineyard is farmed under the "culture raisonnee" method - hand-harvesting, pruning, thinning out of the leaves, green harvesting and destemming ensures the perfect quality of the grapes.

Cambon la Pelouse covers 149 acres (60 hectares), with wines averaging 30 years old. The winery produces Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc & Petit Verdot. The soil is made of fine and larger gravel from the quaternary period. Wines are crafted under 'viticulture master' Guillaume Levasseur and winemaker Olivier Pascaud.

