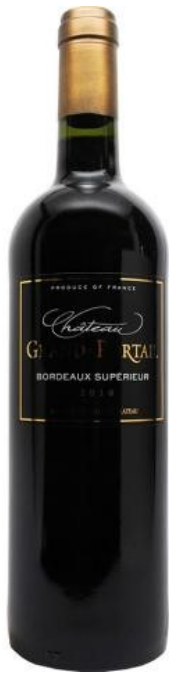


## Château Grand-Portail



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>REGION</b>	<b>Bordeaux</b>
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>Bordeaux Supérieur</b>
<b>VARIETAL</b>	70% Merlot 28% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Petit-Verdot
<b>TERROIR</b>	Limestone-clay, South & East exposure
<b>INFO</b>	50 Ha (120.5 Acres) total vineyard & 8 Ha (19.76 Acres) devoted to Bordeaux Supérieur  Merlot Harvested Oct. 7th - Cab. Sauvignon Oct. 15th - Vinification and 16 months aging in stainless steel tanks  Fined / Filtered  <b>Sustainable Agriculture Practices</b>

### About the Estate:

Château GRAND-PORTAIL - family estate since 1881 for 6 generations now run by the young son, Olivier CAILLEUX - is located in Escoussans within the Entre-deux-Mers area but more precisely, in the heart of the small, distinctive and expressive Haut-Benauges appellation. Known to produce excellent dry white wines, this unique niche terroir also produces rare-to-find and remarkable red wines when the vines are planted on the best exposed and higher slopes, reaching here more than 100 meters, with a non-obscured view over the other side of the Garonne River, where lies the appellation of Graves.

We discovered and started to promote Château GRAND-PORTAIL in 1992, dealing first with the father until the young son Olivier fully took over the culture and vinification of the estate 15 years ago. Olivier CAILLEUX slowly but surely developed the full expression of his terroir with new plantations to better adapt the grapes to his soil and exposure, introducing Sustainable Agriculture Practices, green covering, new pruning methods, pre-cold maceration, thermo regulation and bottling without filtration.

Constantly in touch with Olivier, Château GRAND-PORTAIL is one of the few wines we are involved in the blending since a few years now.

"The lively acidity makes it versatile with food and suggests that it will only improve over the next several years." Dave McIntyre Washington Post

### Tasting Notes:

Olivier CAILLEUX is making impressive, tender and so aromatic wines... and 2014 is a perfect illustration: Fresh, round and so fruity nose on wild strawberries, dark fruits and macerated blackcurrant with a touch of violet. Ample and full balanced palate, on silky tannins, fruity - fresh berries and soft pepper length.

### Press Review:

GOLD Medal 2016 Lyon Challenge