



## **Chateau de Coudot**

## **AOC Haut-Médoc Cru Artisan**

At lieu-dit (village) Coudot, between Cussac-Fort-Médoc and Saint-Julien-Beychevelle, is located the vineyard of château de Coudot. Only 3 kms away from prestigious Chateau Beychevelle 4ème Cru Classé in St Julien.

In the second edition (1868) of « Bordeaux et ses Vins », Édouard Féret found 7 owners at Coudot and in the 11th edition of 1949, it revealed the existence of the current producer's grandparents, Mr and Mrs Pineau, achieving a yield of only 10 barrels a year.

This small estate was actively taken over by their daughter in the 1960's. Nowadays, following the set-up of S.C. Ch. de Coudot in 1987, Joël Blanchard, their grandson, is at the head of 11,20 hectares among which 1,6 hectares are declared in A.O.C Bordeaux.

The 9,60 hectares of the AOC Haut Médoc Cru Artisan of high quality are taken care by the skilful hands of its winemaker who doesn't hesitate to proceed to several sorting before putting them in the vat so as to get perfectly healthy and ripe berries.

In order to obtain quick concentration of the must, vatting time is exceptionally long: from 4 to 5 weeks during which the winemaker have to look after his vats, beware of temperatures and measure the extraction.

Once both fermentations are achieved, the wine is aged during one year in Merrain oak barrels, regularly racked. In order to obtain a first wine of stunning quality, a second wine was crafted, in 1989, according to the location of the parcels and the age of them. The result can be found in the very positive response from wine critics.

Many more prestigious Chateaux names could be jealous, as are testifying the various medals collected so far: château de Coudot 1988, silver at Bordeaux; 1989, bronze at Bordeaux;



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