



## GENERAL FACTS

**Les Conseillans covers twenty hectares of woodland, vineyards and fields in the heart of the Premières Côtes de Bordeaux, a few kilometres from the village of Saint-Caprais-de-Bordeaux.**

In 2011, the Chateau was acquired by Bruce Jackson, an American wine enthusiast, and his wife Irina Krasovskaya. Over the next three years, Bruce and Irina, restored the Chateau, renovated the vineyards and completely modernized the technical facilities.

## VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

**The 2014 vintage can be considered as very classical for Bordeaux.**

The climatology was quite typical with a very sunny and dry fall which allowed the berries to mature correctly.

The vineyards of Chateau Les Conseillans stand on a terroir of gravelly and clay soils mostly facing south. It is divided into 14 distinctive plots with different varietal mix and age.

**The Réserve du Pré Carré comes mainly from a plot of Merlot situated on a steep slope and from young vines planted in 1998.**

## WINEMAKING NOTES

**We believe that the vineyard is the major contributor to the wine's quality and character.**

Because of this we try to limit our interventions to the most classical of French vineyard techniques. We avoid weed-killers and use pheromones to fight against insects. Farming for flavour and picking on the optimum day are essential. Hand picking, gentle de-stemming, and thorough sorting are the primary practices. Every different grape varietal is fermented separately in small cement tanks. The extraction of the cap is a mix of pumping over and "pigeages" technique. The wine is given long ageing in French oak barrels, and a great deal of attention is given to the blending to obtain the most representative wine of the "terroir" and vintage.

## WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

***This wine is bright medium red in colour. There is a predominant red cherry fruit aroma.***

*A sensation of smooth tannins and flavours on the palate. The middle mouth reveals more red fruit aromas with a soft vanilla touch. The finish leaves a fresh and very balanced impression. This wine can be drunk relatively young and does not need to be laid down for very long to be fully appreciated.*

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| Surface       | 5Ha34  |
| Appellation   | Côtes de Bordeaux  |
| Géology       | Gravels on Clay  |
| Varietal      | 65% Merlot<br>20% Cabernet Sauvignon<br>8% Malbec<br>7% Cabernet franc |
| Density       | 5600 plants/Ha   |
| Average year  | 35 years old   |
| Vats          | Cement   |
| Harvest       | Hand picking   |
| Date          | October 2014   |
| Vat maturing  | 12 months  |
| Yield         | 47Hl/Ha  |
| Blend         | 94% Merlot<br>3% Cabernet Sauvignon<br>3% Malbec                       |
| Bottling Date | September 2015   |
| Production    | 1600 cases   |
| Alcohol       | 12.5 %   |
| pH            | 3.76   |
| Sugar level   | <2gr/l - Dry   |

