

# CHATEAU HAUT GAUDIN 2018

## AOP Bordeaux Supérieur

### ~ Background ~

In 1870, the Dubourg family, enamored with the cultivation of Bordeaux wines, set their sights on the vineyards of Château Nicot located in Escoussans. This is where the history of Dubourg vineyards began. The 1960s marked the arrival of Bernard and his wife Nadine, the 7th generation of the Dubourg family. They bring a new breath in the management of the property, modernizing the techniques of wine making while preserving the identity of each wine. In 1995, their son Benoit joined them to perpetuate the family history born 150 years ago. Today, he is the manager of Vignobles Dubourg, which he runs with passion. In charge of the cellars (cellar master) and the vineyards (vineyard manager), he manages the 83 hectares of the property spread over 9 appellations, and directs the conception of the 465,000 bottles that leave the cellars each year.

Situated on the right bank of the River Garonne, a little under 22 miles south of Bordeaux, Château Haut Gaudin has enjoyed an enviable reputation for over two hundred years. Château Haut-Gaudin is located in the commune of Capien and covers 25 hectares. The property benefits from an atypical grape variety, yet so characteristic of the Bordeaux of yesteryear. Its 15% of Malbec, in association with 65% of Merlot and 20% of Cabernet Franc, make Château Haut-Gaudin a Bordeaux Supérieur apart. This alliance of soils and grape varieties constitutes the richness of Château Haut-Gaudin. The will to preserve this land is also established by the conversion to organic farming on these parcels.



Bernard & Nadine Dubourg



Benoît Dubourg,  
winemaker



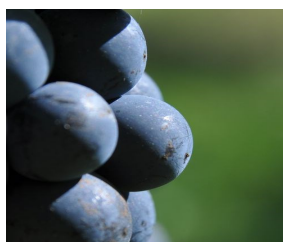
### ~ Viticulture ~

- **Average age of vines:** 25 years.
- **Soil:** limestone & clay.
- **Pruning method:** single guyot.
- **Yield:** 50 hectoliters per hectare.
- **Area planted:** 10 hectares.
- Certified High Environmental Value in 2020.
- In Organic conversion.



### ~ Winemaking ~

- Stainless steel and traditional concrete vats.
- **Vinification:** traditional vinification with regular pumping over. Temperature control and a 2 to 3 weeks maceration period.
- **Ageing:** in underground vats for 12 months.
- **Blend:** 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Malbec.
- Bottling at the property.
- 60,000 bottles produced.



### ~ Tasting Notes ~

*The robe is intense, of a deep red. The nose reveals aromas of ripe black and red fruits, blackcurrant, blueberry, cherry. When aired, floral notes appear. The attack in mouth is ample, fleshy with a beautiful balance and a velvety middle mouth. The finish is persistent, the tannins are silky and elegant.*



**89 Points.** Ripe, jammy and with wood-aging flavors still prominent, this is a dense, spicy wine. One hopes the toastiness will diminish and allow the rich blackberry flavors to show strongly. Wait until 2022.



**90 Points.** A juicy, flavorful red with currant and berry character and a hint of wet earth and bark. Medium body, firm tannins and a stony finish. Drink after 2022.

