

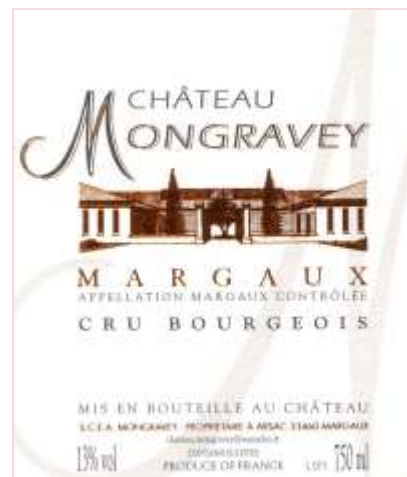
CHÂTEAU MONGRAVEY 2015

Appellation Margaux Cru Bourgeois

~ Background ~

Château Mongravey is located in Arsac, 22 kilometers northwest of Bordeaux. Created in 1980 by Mr. Régis Bernaleau by combining several prime parcels in Margaux, the estate produces an exceptional wine that receives accolades and awards every year. The charismatic Karin Bernaleau joined the estate in 1999 and directs marketing and distribution for Mongravey. Karin & Régis also own Château De Braude, an outstanding Haut-Médoc, that was also classified Cru Bourgeois in 2003.

In 2003, Mongravey was one of a handful of estates that became classified as “Cru Bourgeois” in the 2003 Médoc classification (over 250 estates were de-classified the same year). *Mongravey is one of the best Margaux available today, surpassing many of the prestigious classified growths in quality and over-delivering for the price.*



~ Viticulture ~

- **Grape varieties:** 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc
- **Vineyard area:** 13 hectares
- **Terroir:** Gravely soil from the Garonne area dating from the quaternary period and composed of sand and pebbles
- **Average age of the vines:** 30 years
- **Planting density:** 6,600 to 10,000 plants per hectare
- **Yield:** 45 hectoliters per hectare
- **Cultivation:** Intelligent farming practices. Debudding, leaf-thinning, and green harvest in order to achieve optimal ripeness concentration of fruit.

~ Winemaking ~

- **Winemaking process:** Pre-fermentation cold maceration for 2 to 5 days, according to the needs of each vat. Fermentations by parcel in thermo-regulated stainless vats for 10 days, followed by a period of 4 weeks of maceration in vats (low temperatures). Vatting for 3-4 weeks to extract the entire potential of the terroir. Malolactic fermentation in barrels for 50% of the wine.
- **Ageing:** 14-18 months in 100% French oak barrels from 8 different coopers. 60% new. At the end of the élevage, depending on the evolution, the wine could be filtered or fined.
- **Blending:** Immediately after alcoholic fermentation and again after ageing.
- **Time:** Will reach maturity in 5-7 years and can be laid down for 20 years.
- **Average production:** 70,000 bottles



~ Tasting Notes ~

Intense deep purple robe. Seductive and intense nose of cassis, raspberries, spices, vanilla and unctuous grilled and toasty aromas. Well-structured wine that is at the same time rich and lush in the mouth with smooth tannins and a very long finish.



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92 Points. Now that this estate has calmed down in its wood aging, it is possible to see the beautiful fruit that is grown here. This wine is structured, firm with tannins and some spice from the wood, while allowing plenty of black-currant fruit to shine through. This ripe wine needs several years to develop. Drink from 2024.

90 Points. Plenty of cocoa and bitter chocolate here, but behind that there's nice morello cherry fruit and the tannins are already rather harmonious. Drink now or in 2019 and 2020.

