

Rive Gauche Wines

Technical sheet

Château COULOMEY

AOC Graves Rouge 2012

The “Sun King” Louis XIV is known to have stayed here while travelling to marry the Spanish Infanta. The tiny 3.5ha vineyard was replanted in 1996 by the current owner, after having been left fallow for 60 years. The wines show the character of their vintage but with an underlying trait of elegance, pure fruit and the distinct femininity of silky smooth tannins. Little-known and offering great value for money, we count Château Couloumey amongst our very favourite wines in Bordeaux.

VINEYARD AREA:	3.5 hectares
SOILS:	deep, well-drained gravel and larger pebbles over a subsoil of sand and gravel with spots of <i>crasse de fer</i> , clay and limestone
GRAPE VARIETIES:	80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon
AGE OF VINES:	14 years
VINE DENSITY:	6,500 vines per hectare
VINEYARD WORK:	traditional ploughing with respect for the environment
HARVEST:	machine harvested in perfect conditions mid-October
VINIFICATION:	<i>cuvaison</i> of 15 to 21 days in stainless steel with temperature control
AGEING:	12 to 14 months in French barrels, 30% new oak
PRODUCTION:	18,000 bottles
ABV:	12.5%

