

*Château  
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# THE HISTORY

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**Château La Croix de Roche** is located in Galgon, an ancient Gallo-Roman village. An area with a rich history of over seven centuries.



Mentioned for the first time in the 6th edition of the Féret guide of 1893, "Mr Fouquet, owner, producing 3 to 10 barrels of red wine and 5 to 8 barrels of white wine at the place called Roche", the estate was acquired by the Maurin family in 1981. They were joined by their son Raphaël in 2002.

A beautiful story of love and friendship for the Maurin family. An alchemy between an extraordinary vineyard and local men, professionals or volunteers, men with different backgrounds. They all wanted to create a "dream nectar" under the sign of friendship and conviviality. This is how the story of Château La Croix de Roche was born.

The quality of its wines, bottled at the Château since 1981, is regularly recognised by all the specialist critics: Guide Hachette (two "coups de coeur"), Parker, Vins & Santé, Decanter, Wine Enthusiast...

# THE CHATEAU

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**Château La Croix de Roche** is located at the gates of Libourne, on the south-eastern edge of the commune of Galgon, in the canton of **Fronsac**.

In 2017, ZHAO Wei became the new owner, attracted by the quality of the estate's wines.

The Libourne wine region, which includes the prestigious appellations of **Saint-Emilion**, **Pomerol** and **Fronsac**, produces wines of excellent quality at more affordable prices.

In 2020, the **MRS.V group** was founded to create an alliance and unity between Zhao Wei's various **Bordeaux properties**. The four letters of the group echo the four properties of the group: M for Château Monlot, R for **Château La Croix de Roche**, S for Château Sénailhac and V for Château La Vue. The MRS.V group also symbolizes the **passion** of a team with varied **international** experience that unites around a single ambition.

# THE VINEYARD

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The vineyard, with a surface area of 14 hectares, extends over a plateau facing south-east and overlooking the right bank of the Isle.

The red grape varieties are predominantly Merlot, with a few touches of Malbec, Carménère and Petit Verdot. The hand-picked whites are the result of a blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Sauvignon Gris and Sémillon.

The vineyard has been organically cultivated and certified by Ecocert since 2010.

Since the purchase of the property, several investments have been undertaken to improve the work in the vineyard, to adapt to the soil types and to get the best potential from this terroir. A restructuring of certain plots, mainly the red grape varieties, has been carried out while continuing the organic certification process. A renovation of the existing cellar has allowed the integration of a new thermoregulation system, the rehabilitation of the concrete tanks to vinify in small containers and to carry out qualitative parcel vinifications.



*ECOCERT is an organic certification organism, founded in France in 1991. Based in Europe, it carries out inspections in over 80 countries, making it one of the largest organic certification organism in the world.*

# THE ALLIANCE OF EXPERTISE

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**HUBERT DE BOÜARD**  
*Consultant*

Mr Hubert de Bouard, the seventh generation heir to the famous Château Angélu on the right bank of Bordeaux, is also a renowned winemaker. During his 30 years at the head of the estate, Château Angélu has been promoted to the rank of the best class A vineyards in Saint-Emilion.

As a technical consultant, until 2019, he helped control the production of Château La Croix de Roche wines to make fine, balanced wines as the owner wishes and thus express the DNA of the terroir.



**CÉCILE PAILLÉ**  
*Directrice Technique*

Coming from a family of winegrowers in Montagne, a village near Saint-Emilion, Cécile Paillé grew up with a passion for the terroir and wine.

With a National Diploma of Oenology from Bordeaux, Cécile Paillé has built up a rich experience of wine around the world, notably in California, South Africa and Bulgaria. Finally, she returned to France where she worked for several years for a Grand Cru Classé in Saint-Emilion.

Thanks to her experience, Cécile works every day to make the fine wines within the MRS.V group vineyards that characterise the different terroirs.



**NICOLAS BALLETT**  
*Technical Manager*

At Château La Croix de Roche, the team is made up Nicolas Ballet (Technical Manager) and Paulo Da Costa Ferreira (Tractor Operator).

Nicolas has been working for many years in the Libourne region, from Pomerol to Saint-Emilion.



**PAULO DA COSTA**  
*Tractor Operator*

Thanks to his knowledge of this terroir, he now works for Château La Croix de Roche, where he can fully apply his know-how in the making of organic wine. He draws on the field experience of Paulo, who has been working on the estate for 28 years.

# THE RATING

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# Decanter

## **Château La Croix de Roche Collection Privée, Fronsac, 2012**

Blind tasted by Stephen Brook, Margaret Rand,  
Steven Spurrier



*“Lots of ripe autumnal berry fruits on the nose, rich and broad on the palate with a supple and juicy style, abundant with fruit and texture. Nicely balanced with well integrated tannins and acidity ; overall a wine of lovely precision which will be rather a star.”*





## Château La Croix de Roche Bordeaux Supérieur, 2011

ROGER VOSS

@vossroger

*European Editor, Reviews wines from Portugal and France*

**90**  
POINTS

*“Mint flavors reflect the new wood ageing in this smooth, ripe wine. It has a fine structure, ample acidity and blackberry fruit. This textured, structured wine is ready for 4-6 years of ageing.”*



## Château La Croix de Roche Bordeaux Blanc, 2012

ROGER VOSS

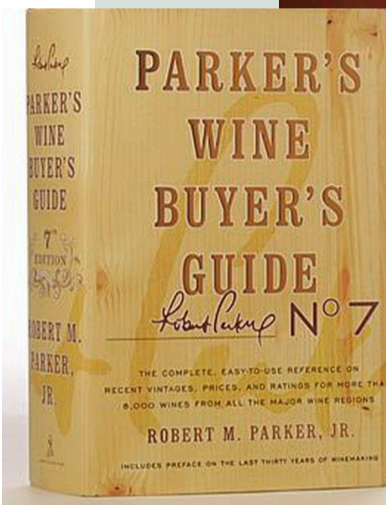
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*“This is a perfumed wine with soft acidity and flavors of ripe apricot, nutmeg and spiced apple. It’s full of character and the aftertaste retains the freshness of the vintage.”*

Robert Parker  
WINE ADVOCATE



In his book “Parker’s Wine Buyer’s Guide N°7”, Robert Parker calls the wines of the Château La Croix de Roche as  
**« One of the best values of wine in Bordeaux ».**

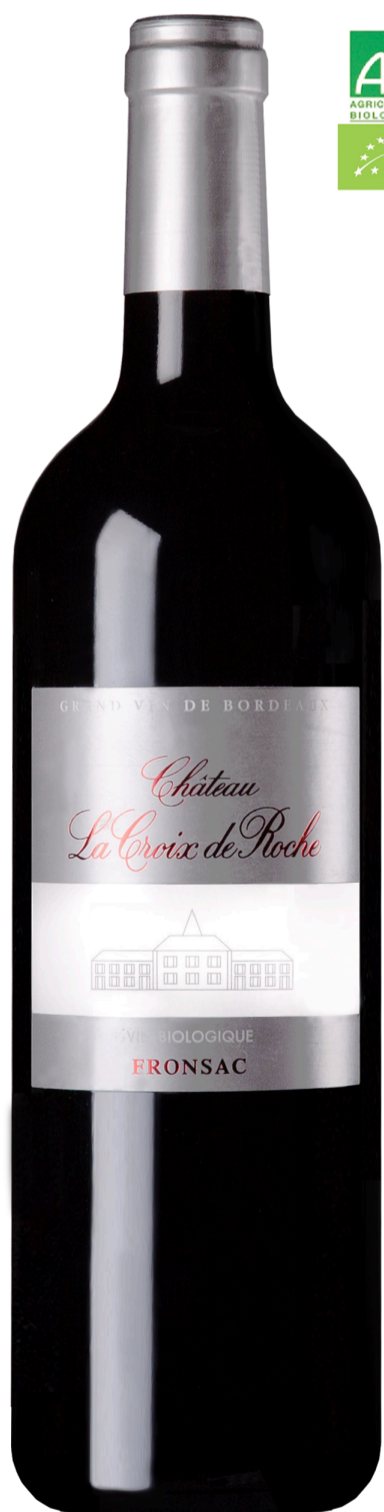
Moreover, he quotes the property as being one of the best quality properties for a bottle of less than 20\$. A real reward for Château La Croix de Roche.



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**FRONSAC RED**

Located on a hillside « Libournais », overlooking the right bank of the Isle, Château La Croix de Roche was acquired by Zhao Wei in 2017. This property produces wines in appellations of Fronsac, Bordeaux Supérieur, Bordeaux Red, Bordeaux Rosé and Bordeaux White. The 14 ha of vines are organically certified by Ecocert.



**Appellation:** AOC Fronsac

**Production area:** 0,5 ha

**Average age of the vines:** 40 years

**Grape composition:** 100% Merlot

**Soils:** Clay

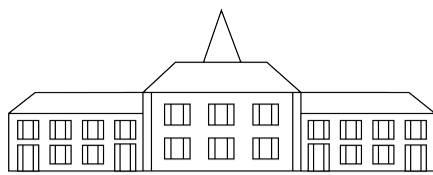
**Vinification:** Vinification by plot in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks

**Ageing:** 18 months

**Tasting notes:**

This wine has a beautiful dark ruby color. The nose is flattering and reveals very intense red fruit aromas. On the palate, the tannins are silky with notes of very ripe fruit and a touch of chocolate. A very nice wine ready to be enjoyed young or to be kept for a few years.





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## BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR RED

Located on a hillside « Libournais », overlooking the right bank of the Isle, Château La Croix de Roche was acquired by Zhao Wei in 2017. This property produces wines in appellations of Fronsac, Bordeaux Supérieur, Bordeaux Red, Bordeaux Rosé and Bordeaux White. The 14 ha of vines are organically certified by Ecocert.



**Appellation:** AOC Bordeaux Supérieur

**Production area:** 11,6 ha

**Average age of the vines:** 35 years

**Grape composition:** 85% Merlot

10% Petit Verdot

5% Carménère

**Soils:** Siliceous-clay

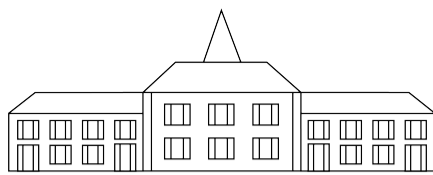
**Vinification:** Vinification by plot in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks

**Ageing:** 15 months

### Tasting notes:

A deep ruby color with purple highlights. The wines of La Croix de Roche are typical of the appellation. Light rich and ripe cherry notes. The taste is as complex as the flavour, with a quality structure.





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## BORDEAUX RED

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**Appellation:** AOC Bordeaux

**Production area:** 4,5 ha

**Average age of the vines:** 25 years

**Grape composition:** 60% Merlot

16% Carménère

15% Petit Verdot

9% Malbec

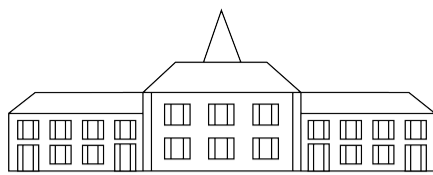
**Soils:** Sandy-loam

**Vinification:** Vinification by plot in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks

**Ageing:** 10 months

### **Tasting notes:**

The wine has a beautiful ruby color, the aromas of blackcurrants are blended with cherries. The intensity is great on the palate, it has a quite long finish with round tanins.



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## BORDEAUX WHITE

Located on a hillside « Libournais », overlooking the right bank of the Isle, Château La Croix de Roche was acquired by Zhao Wei in 2017. This property produces wines in appellations of Fronsac, Bordeaux Supérieur, Bordeaux Red, Bordeaux Rosé and Bordeaux White. The 14 ha of vines are organically certified by Ecocert.



**Appellation:** AOC Bordeaux

**Production area:** 0,9 ha

**Average of the vines:** 20 years

**Grape composition:** 90% Sémillon

7% Sauvignon Blanc

3% Sauvignon Gris

**Soils:** Sandy-clay

**Vinification:** In temperature controlled stainless steel tanks

**Ageing:** 8 months

### Tasting notes:

The color is pale yellow with light green reflections. The nose is discreet and perfumed with white fruit such as white peach and pear. The palate is full-bodied, the fruit is very present with a nice acidity at the end to enhance the flavors.





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## BORDEAUX ROSÉ

Located on a hillside « Libournais », overlooking the right bank of the Isle, Château La Croix de Roche was acquired by Zhao Wei in 2017. This property produces wines in appellations of Fronsac, Bordeaux Supérieur, Bordeaux Red, Bordeaux Rosé and Bordeaux White. The 14 ha of vines are organically certified by Ecocert.



**Appellation:** AOC Bordeaux

**Production area:** 1 ha

**Average age of the vines:** 20 years

**Grape composition:** 70% Malbec  
30% Merlot

**Soils:** Sandy-clay

**Vinification:** In temperature controlled stainless steel tanks

**Ageing:** 8 months

### Tasting notes:

The color is a brilliant pale pink. The nose is pleasantly fruity with a hint of strawberry. On the palate, a nice attack on the fruit with a hint of citrus, the mouth is generous and ample. It is a fine and elegant wine.







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