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## Chateau de Fieuzal Background

**Owner:** Lochlan and Brenda Quinn

**Country:** France

**Region:** Bordeaux – Pessac-Leognan

**Description:** Chateau de Fieuzal is one of Pessac-Leognan's top estates and was awarded Grand Cru Classe de Graves status in 1959. While the chateau dates to the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the current owners have invested extensively in a state-of-the-art facilities enabling plot-by-plot vinification. Winemaker Stephen Carrier is a rising star who merges a global outlook honed from stints in California with respect for the traditions of Bordeaux.



## Wine Notes – 2019 L'Abeille de Fieuzal Rouge, Pessac-Leognan (Bordeaux)

First bottled in the early 1980s, L'Abeille de Fieuzal is made with the same fastidious attention to detail that noted winemaker Stephen Carrier gives to the chateau's Grand Vin and offers a compelling quality-to-price ratio. The wine is a benchmark among the second labels of top-tier Bordeaux as it uses the same first-quality, estate-grown fruit as the Grand Vin, differing from its sibling only in the varietal blend and winemaking style – L'Abeille is intended to be consumed in 2-7 years (versus 5-25 years for the Grand Vin) and features more Merlot than its big brother. The combination of top-quality fruit, a star winemaker and state of the art facilities (which enable separate plot-by-plot vinification in a variety of vessels), result in an intense dark red wine with bright highlights. Aromas of ripe red fruit, berries and red currant dominate the lush nose. The mouthfeel is smooth with hints of sweetness and delicately balances fine acidity, structure, fine tannins and fruit. This gem is immediately enjoyable!

## Technical Specifications

<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	55% Merlot, 40% Cab Sauvignon, 2% Cab Franc, 3% Petit Verdot
<b>Vineyard Region:</b>	Bordeaux, Pessac-Leognan
<b>Vine Age / Yields:</b>	35+ years old on average
<b>Production Volume:</b>	1,500 cases
<b>Vineyard Characteristics:</b>	Gently sloping clay soils with gravel outcrops ('croupes')
<b>Wine-Making / Vinification:</b>	Each plot separately farmed/harvested/vinified in separate vats of varying sizes and materials (stainless steel for Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, oak for Merlot and Cabernet Franc), 7-day maceration Aged entirely in used French oak barrels for 14 months
<b>Alcohol / Volume:</b>	13.5%
<b>Packaging:</b>	6-pack OWC