



# Château de CRUZEAU

Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée Pessac-Léognan



## Background

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Château de Cruzeau, located in the towns of Martillac and Saint-Médard-d'Eyrans, in the southern part of the Pessac-Léognan appellation in the Graves, has existed since the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The estate as such was created by Jacques de Cruzeau, an important lawyer in Bordeaux, who was born there. This man of law bequeathed both his name and the beginning of a prestigious winegrowing vocation.

**In the 18<sup>th</sup> century**, Lord Nolibois, a rich merchant, acquired the estate. Thanks to his numerous commercial contacts, Château Cruzeau's wine became very well-known. The leading brokers in Bordeaux were well aware of its quality and finesse.

**In 1841**, the magazine "Le Producteur" designated Cruzeau the best wine of the town, in both the red and white wine categories.

**In 1858**, the Cante family acquired the estate and produced fifteen hogsheads of red and white wines.

The chateau was built in 1912, although a few 18<sup>th</sup> century buildings have survived to bear witness to the property's long history.





### **The revival (starting in 1973).**

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André Lurton first saw the estate **in 1973**, after a heavy storm – a sort of localized tornado – during which a plot of young pine trees was entirely devastated. Curious to see the effects, he took a walk around. He noticed that the roots of the fallen trees were studded with stones, indicative of an outstanding gravelly soil conducive to making fine wine.

He thus set his heart on buying the estate that had practically stopped producing wine in the late 19th century due to the phylloxera crisis.

**Beginning in 1975**, André Lurton and his team focused all their efforts on restoring Château de Cruzeau's former glory. They cleared the land, renovated buildings, planted new plots and replanted existing ones.

The cellar facilities needed to be modernised as well. This was done several years later.

**In 2001**, an ageing cellar with a capacity of two thousand barrels was built, as well as a large reception area.

**Today**, the estate has nearly 100 hectares of vines on beautiful south-facing gravelly rises with plenty of river stones – a terroir extremely conducive to making great red and white Pessac-Léognan wines. The wines of Château Cruzeau are widely recognized and appreciated for their great finesse.



### **Wines produced by the château**

Château de Cruzeau Red | Château de Cruzeau White  
Château de Quantin Red | Château de Quantin White

