

HB Wine Merchants presents wines from: **Château des Graves**



FRANCE

## Château des Graves Rouge

AOC Graves



### Brand Highlights

- Great value and package in a “Right Bank” Bordeaux
- Female winemaker, Christine Jacoby-Sourdes
- Blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon

### The Estate

The estate is composed of 10 hectares with vines situated on the plateau in the township of Portets, about 20 miles South of Bordeaux. Gravel soil on clay. Average vine age is 36 years. The winemaker, Christine Jacoby-Sourdes, has always been surrounded by vines, as her parents owned vineyards in Barsac. She studied oenology at the Université de Bordeaux, and started professionally making wine in 1986. She was the first woman to take up a oenology laboratory in the Sauternes region. The estate has HEV3—High Environmental Value 3—the highest certification level. This means a more friendly environmental agriculture within very strict specifications, created and controlled by the French State.

### Wine Making

Both the Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are harvested by hand and completely de-stemmed. Vinification in stainless-steel vats with maceration for 18 days. Aged for 12 months in French barrels.

### Tasting Notes

A beautiful deep ruby red color, this wine has elegant tannins with fresh and fruity characteristics. The dominant Merlot grape offers smoothness with excellent balance. Final note is crunchy and juicy.



### Press

- ◆ 2017 vintage **91 points**—Wine Enthusiast

### Product Specifications

- Available in: 750mL w/Natural Cork
- UPC: 8 75734 00420 0
- SCC: 1 08 75734 00420 7
- Case (in.):
- Vineyard certified High Environmental Value