

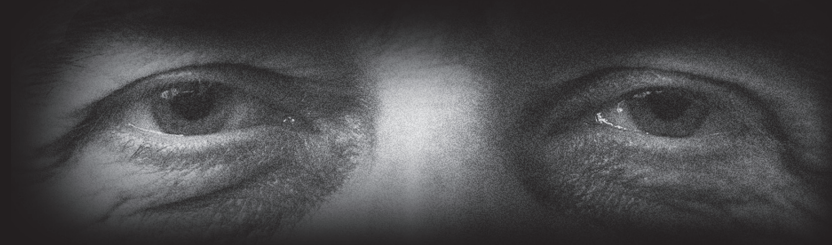
THE MÉDOC CRUS BOURGEOIS ALLIANCE

Since 2010, Frédéric de Luze has been president of the Alliance des Crus Bourgeois du Médoc, a Syndicate whose aim is to protect and to promote the traditional "Cru Bourgeois" label and classification. He has just supervised the second "Cru Bourgeois" Official Selection which was published in September. The current "Cru Bourgeois" Offi-

cial Selection is composed of 246 Crus Bourgeois for the 2009 vintage, which together represent 4,300 hectares of vines within the prestigious A.O.C.s of Médoc, Haut-Médoc, Listrac-Médoc, Moulis-en-Médoc, Margaux, Pauillac et Saint-Estèphe and a global production of almost 32 million bottles available on the world market.

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FRÉDÉRIC DE LUZE

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LE CHÂTEAU PAVEIL DE LUZE



"This is one of the **oldest** Médoc **wine** properties, with a **vineyard** **dating** back to the 17th century."



He learnt his trade through hands-on experience, while working for an importer in England. In 1981, this young businessman established the "Baron Frédéric de Luze" company, a wine merchant activity which originally targeted mail order customers. The business then developed to cover the traditional French market and export markets. Boosted by this experience, Frédéric de Luze went into partnership with Thierry DECRE in 1992 to create L.D.VINS SA, a merchant company specialized in distributing Bordeaux Grand Cru Classés both in France and abroad. In 2004, he also took on the job as manager of Château Pavail de Luze, a Médoc Cru Bourgeois located in Margaux, which has been in his family since 1862.

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In 1862, Baron Alfred de Luze bought this magnificent 120 hectare estate and introduced his wines all over the world, especially in the U.S., where his brother, Louis-Philippe, managed the distribution. The Siberian winter of 1956 destroyed a large part of the vineyard, but in 1960, Baron Geoffroy de Luze decided to give the estate a new lease of life by re-planting the vines and renovating the vat room and cellars.

The current East/West-facing vineyard spreads over 32 hectares, in one single plot and its vines grow on the same land as their ancestors did three centuries ago. The top soil and sub-soil are made up of deep gravels, which provide good natural drainage and ideal conditions for producing elegant wines.

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