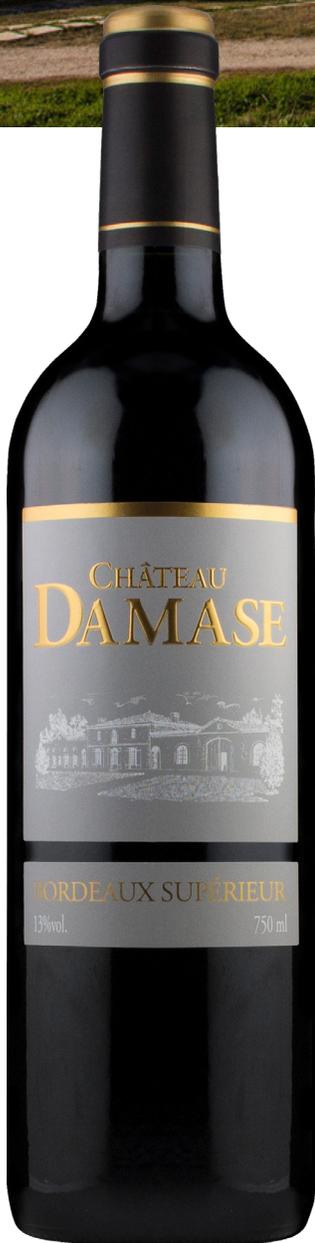




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### Bordeaux Supérieur



#### ESTATE

Château Damase is named for the patriarch of the Milhade family, Damase Milhade, who founded the original family negociant business in Galgon in 1938. Located just outside Néac near the Lalande de Pomerol appellation, Château Damase is notable for its refined wines, reminiscent of those of Pomerol, as well as for a planting of the rare Bordeaux variety Carmenère.

#### WINE

While most of the vineyards at Château Damase are planted to Merlot, there is also a notable acreage of Carmenère. Château Damase has pioneered the re-introduction of what it calls "Bordeaux's Lost Grape." Carmenère can be difficult to grow, with yields that vary dramatically depending on the flowering conditions.

#### VINEYARD

*Soils:* Despite being classified a mere Bordeaux Supérieur, the Château Damase vineyard is planted on sandy-clay soils infused with iron oxide – quite similar to some of the soil series in neighboring Pomerol. The estate is planted to 85% Merlot, and 10% Carmenère, and 5% Petit Verdot. The viticultural techniques employed here are carried out with the same care and attention to detail as those practiced at classified estates in Saint-Émilion.

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#### WINEMAKING

*Fermentation:* The grapes are hand-harvested and sorted to eliminate any sub-par grapes. The crop is 100% destemmed and crushed gently, and then transferred to temperature controlled vats. A traditional Bordeaux fermentation is employed, with gentle pump-overs and delestage employed in order to strike a fine balance between extraction and terroir expression.

*Aging:* The wine is aged in new and 1 year-old oak casks, and bottled 18 months after the harvest.

#### VINTAGE

2015 was exceptional here, producing the finest Damase in memory. Rich in black fruits with chocolate notes and accents of vanilla, this is a wine that punches well about is class. The 2015 has enjoyed the most enthusiastic press reception to date, and will give both immediate pleasure, holding easily in the cellar for another 5-10 years.



#### JEB DUNNUCK

The deeper ruby-colored 2015 Château Damase is 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and the rest Petit Verdot and Carmenère. Aged 18 months in new and once-used barrels, it offers medium-bodied notes of red currants, wood smoke, tobacco, and earth. With a rounded, concentrated, balanced style and building tannin, drink it anytime over the coming 15 years.