

- > **Domain** : Vignobles Dorneau
- > **Winegrower** : Patrice et Alice Dorneau
- > **Town** : Fronsac
- > **Rgion** : Bordeaux
- > **Appellation(s)** : Fronsac, Canon Fronsac
- > **Cultivated space** : 25 ha
- > **Production** : 125 000 btles
- > **Soil(s)** : clay and limestone



The philosophy of the domain :

The property belonged to the DORNEAU family for several generations, going back to 1870. Today, Patrick, the son of Michel, manages all the vineyards and participates in the collective management of the Fronsac and Canon Fronsac wine Unions. Finally (June 2012) he was elected president of the Fronsac section of this Union. Our vineyard is undergoing an important and rigorous re-structuring. The principle aim is to increase the value of our production and infrastructure. Our energy is, therefore, to develop new cultural methods in the vineyard as well as their traceability so as to better respond to the requirements of the current market. This is being done, of course, to conserve the expression and identity of our terroir.

Mode of driving of the vineyard, wine-making and ageing :

Currently, the use of modern oenology permits the elaboration of wines that are richer, more complex and are a result simply from the fruit. Followed up by the Michel Rolland laboratory, our wines come from the harvests that are sorted before being elaborated: the aromas and the colour are obtained from a cold pre-fermentation maceration of 24 to 48 hours. The structure of the wine from classic, timed pumping over but also from délestage and stirring under inert gas that are undertaken during the fermentation. The aromatic expression, the stabilization of the structure and the color are refined during the maceration and by micro-oxygenation. The length of vatting period vary depending on the vintage and go from 3 to 5 weeks. The de-vatting is undertaken manually. The Cabernets are aged in vats to conserve their aromas whereas the Merlots are aged in barrels at the end of November for 12 to 16 months.

Some references :

Guide Hachette, Revue des vins de France, Guide Hubert, Decanter ...



OUR WINES

Canon Fronsac Château Roulet
(100% Merlot)

Fronsac Chateau La Croix
(90% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc & 5% Cabernet Sauvignon)

Fronsac Chateau Pontus
(Merlot 88%, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Malbec)