Wonderful World of Wine

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Gary Parker Collection

2022 Chateau Picque Caillou, Pessac-Leognan

Growing Region	Graves, Bordeaux, France
Varietal Composition	50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot
	5% Petit Verdot
Fermentation	14 Months in Oak Barrels
Alcohol Content	14%
Suggested Retail	~~$60.00~~
WineSellar Club Price	**$51.29**

Broad Strokes: **94 Points, The Wine Enthusiast**

From the Winery: Chateau Picque Caillou was built in 1780 in what was considered then the countryside of Bordeaux. Today, it has become a part of the growing city of Bordeaux. It is surrounded by illustrious neighbors such as Château Haut Brion (1er Grand Cru Classé), Château La Mission Haut-Brion (1er Grand Cru Classé Graves) and Château Pape-Clément (1er Grand Cru Classé Graves). All of these properties have resisted urbanization since the past century in order to preserve their extraordinary terroir to make outstanding wines. The Pessac-Léognan appellation, created in 1987, is reserved for the most exclusive estates in the northern part of Graves region.
Chateau Picque Caillou is owned by Isabelle and Paulin Calvet who took over the management of the estate in 1995 and purchased it in 1997. This dynamic couple has brought a fresh burst of life with significant investments done in the vineyard and the cellar over the years. As a result, the wines have improved tremendously in quality, finesse and consistency while offering outstanding value.

Appearance:
Your classic Bordeaux wine label, with the etching of the Chateau on the front label. The back label has uncommonly excellent and detailed information about the winery, which you do nt see very often from France. Medium ruby hue.

Nose:
The polished surface of iron, rich in depth, with hypnotic scents of distinguished wood elements, much like mahogany. Throw in some lead pencil, graphite, stones and mineral to top of the smooth red fruits.

Texture:
The wine is medium in body, but medium full in palate weight. Excellent Bordeaux mouthfeel, long, even, balanced and refined. The tannins soften after 20 minutes.

Flavor:
Try to wait an hour after opening or decant the wine. Drinking window is 60-180 minutes. It closes up before and after that. Dark berries, roast beef, touch of herbs (and tobacco), vanilla, chocolate, clove, nutmeg, graphite and stones. This is a beautiful Bordeaux that deserves to be in your cellar.

Serving Suggestions
I would love to have this wine in about 15 years from now, it will be a great experience!