

Ch Bardins Pessac-Leognan

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: France

REGION: Bordeaux

APPELLATION: Pessac-Leognan

THE STORY

Our travels led us recently to Pessac-Léognan, the tranquil and heavily forested northern sector of the larger Graves subregion, and one of the few pockets of Bordeaux where we had never before worked. The appellation, famously, is home to Château Haut-Brion, the only estate in the original 1855 classification outside of the Haut-Médoc, and its gravelly soils—less sandy than those of Graves proper—yield age-worthy wines that combine silkiness and spinal fortitude.

Château Bardins was founded in 1898 by Stella's great-grandfather, although there are records of wine production here dating back to the Middle Ages.

The estate encompasses 24 hectares, but only 10 hectares are planted to vines, as Stella realizes the importance of ecological diversity and retains ample woodlands.

