



The greatest French wines : Bordeaux Château Angélu and Château Pavie

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It was a historic moment when two new estates, Château Angélu and Château Pavie joined Ausone and Cheval Blanc on the top step of the podium, at the level of the class A premier grand crus.

The name Château Angélu comes from the angelus bell. The winemakers could hear the chimes coming from the three churches in the vicinity of the vineyard.

The estate, which has belonged to the Boüard de Laforest family since the end of the 18th century, has grown little by little in both size and reputation.

In 1985, the grandson and young oenologist Hubert de Boüard de Laforest took over the family estate, introducing modern techniques which had until then never been tried on the major Bordeaux estates.

In 1996 his passion, hard work and innovation were rewarded when Château Angélu was classified as a Class B premier grand cru, and then in 2012 as a Class A premier grand cru, an unprecedented event within the history of the Saint-Émilion classification system.

The other grand cru which was exceptionally promoted to Class A in 2012 was the Château Pavie. Vines were planted for the first time on the slopes of Pavie and Ausone in the Saint Emillion region in the 4th century.

But it wasn't until the 19th century that the Château Pavie's vocation to the art of wine making really came to the fore.

Passed to the Vallette family in 1943, it entered the ranks of the official Saint Emilion wine classification in 1954, and was classified as a Class B premier Grand cru.

The arrival of Gerard Perse in 1998 prompted a great leap forward for the wines, which have since then been promoted to Class A grand Cru.

The organisation of the estate was totally rethought, and the series of modifications made by Perse, enabled them to rise to this new level of distinction.

This documentary delves into the secrets of the great Chateaux of Bordeaux...