

La Tourbeille 2012

AOC Bordeaux Supérieur

La Tourbeille has been a Bordeaux wine producing property for centuries, and home to our French American family for four generations. The 10-hectare vineyard is perched on a sunny hilltop above the Dordogne River on the Côte de La Tourbeille. We are 20 kilometers east of St Emilion, in the appellation region Entre Deux Mers.

The Vineyard

The elevated position on a porous limestone flint plateau and strategic plantation orientation provide 360° sun exposure and ideal drainage for the limestone-clay soil. The clement micro-climate of this privileged location, with moderate winters and warm, dry, extended summers, allows the grapes time to come to maximum maturity. The *coteaux* vineyards of Juillac have been long reputed for high quality *terroir* and the meticulous care of winegrowers.

The vineyard is bordered by woods and pastures with a fruit orchard in the center, to encourage indigenous bio-diversity and boost the natural defenses and health of the vines.

Vineyard Composition

60% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Cabernet Franc

Winemaking

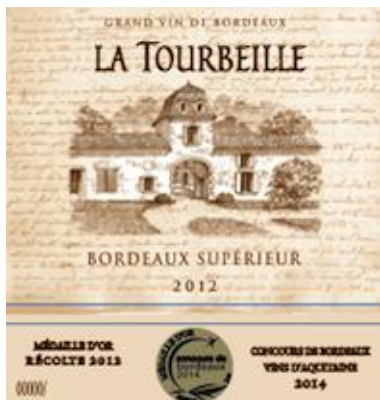
For this 2012 vintage we selected our choicest parcels of Merlot; we harvested on October 6th when the grapes were fully ripe to produce a full flavoured and rich wine.

In the winery we observe small scale practices to coax out the flavours unique to our *terroir*, including slow initial fermentation, long maceration, gentle batch pressing and a second, malolactic fermentation. Our modern, stainless steel tanks are custom-made for us by CTM of Montbazillac and designed for parcel driven vinification. This 2012 vintage was *élevé* for 11 months in stainless steel.

In 2014, **La Tourbeille 2012** was awarded a **gold medal** at the **Concours de Bordeaux**.

Wine Maker's Notes:

Intense ruby color. Bouquet aromatic of forest berries. Rich flavours of black fruit, true to the local *terroir*. Full-bodied and harmonious; long on the palate with a lingering finish.



Wine Statistics:

Appellation: Bordeaux Supérieur

Composition: 100% Merlot

Alcohol: 14%

pH: 3.58

TA: 3.48

Bottles produced: 18,500

Winemakers: John & Mary Sandifer

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