

# 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*

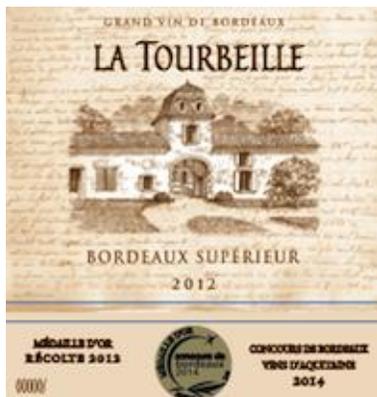
For this 2012 vintage we selected our choicest parcels of Merlot; we harvested on October 6<sup>th</sup> when the grapes were fully ripe to produce a full flavoured and rich wine.

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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