

La Tourbeille 2015 Reserve AOC Bordeaux Supérieur “Le Sceptre”

élevé en barriques de chêne

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 biodiversity and boost the natural defenses and health of the vines.

Vineyard Composition

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

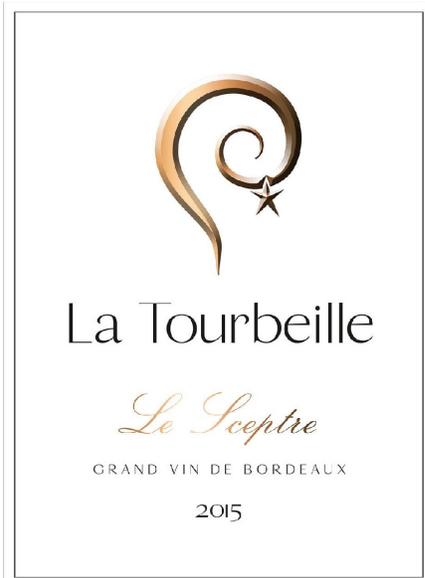
Winemaking

This barrel aged 2015 vintage ***Le Sceptre***, is a select blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon. After harvest days on Sept 21 (Merlot) and October 7 (Cabernet Sauvignon) the wine was fermented in custom made, stainless steel tanks designed for parcel driven vinification, and then barreled in January 2016. The barrels are made by Seguin Moreau and Ana Selections: (33 % new, 33% one year, 33% two year) French oak, *chauffe moyenne longue*. After 11 months in barrels, ***Le Sceptre*** was bottled in January 2017.

In our 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 **2015 *Le Sceptre*** production is limited to 1800 bottles,

Wine Maker's Notes:

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



Wine Statistics:

Appellation: Bordeaux Supérieur

Cuvée “Le Sceptre”

Composition: 60% Merlot; 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

Élevé en barriques de chêne français, 11 months

Alcohol: 14%

pH: 3.74

TA: 3.34

Bottles produced: 1800

Winemakers: John & Mary Sandifer

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