

# La Tourbeille 2015

## 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 region Entre Deux Mers.

### *The Vineyard*

The vineyard's elevation and strategic plantation orientation provide 360° sun exposure; the vines take root in porous, limestone flint bedrock which offers ideal drainage for the limestone-clay soil, and lends a touch of minerality to the wine. A clement micro-climate of moderate winters and warm, dry summers allows a long growing season and harvesting at maturity. The *coteaux* vineyards of Juillac have been cited since the time of the Romans for high quality *terroir*.

The vineyard is bordered by woods, with a fruit orchard in the center; the surrounding prairies, forests and streams of the 35-hectare family domain foster indigenous bio-diversity.

### *Vineyard Composition*

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

### *Winemaking*

Harvest for 2015, "*un grand millésime*" in Bordeaux, came after a perfect summer and a long, sunny after-season. Dates of harvest: Merlot 21 September; Cabernet Franc 28 September; Cabernet Sauvignon 7 October. The Cabernet Franc this year, brought in at maturity, was particularly aromatic.

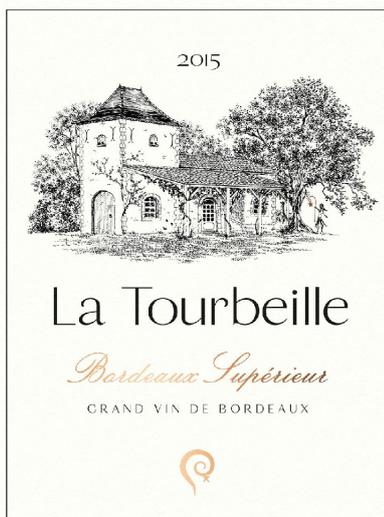
In the winery our modern, stainless steel tanks are custom-made for us by CTM of Montbazillac and designed for parcel driven vinification. We observe small scale practices from gentle maceration, temperature controlled fermentations, manual *brassage des lies* and carefully managed extraction to achieve balance and maintain purity of fruit, through to batch pressing. This 2015 vintage was *élevé* 11 months in stainless steel.

La Tourbeille 2015 received a gold medal "*Prix Plaisir*" Bettane & Desseauve, Paris 2019, and a bronze medal at the **Concours de Macon** 2017.



### *Wine Maker's Notes:*

Floral bouquet. Plump red fruit with a hint of violet; full rich flavours, medium bodied, harmonious



### *Wine Statistics:*

*Appellation:* Bordeaux Supérieur

*Composition:* 70% Merlot; 20% Cabernet Sauvignon;  
10% Cabernet Franc

*Alcohol:* 14%

*pH:* 3.70

*TA:* 3.15

*Bottles produced:* 22,000

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