

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

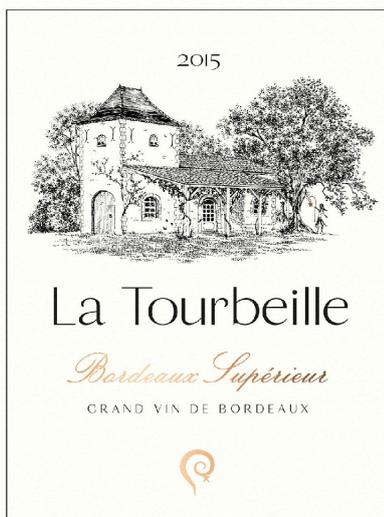
Harvest for 2015, "*un grand millésime*" in Bordeaux, came after a perfect summer and a long, sunny after-season. Dates of harvest: Merlot 21 September; Cabernet Franc 28 September; Cabernet Sauvignon 7 October. The Cabernet Franc this year, brought in at maturity, was particularly aromatic.

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 was awarded a **Gold Medal** from **Concours Terre de Vins magazine 2019**, and a **Gold Medal** from **Bettane & Desseuve Prix Plaisir 2019**. Jury notes: "...elegant bouquet; a lovely balance of fresh red and ripe black fruit"

Wine Maker's Notes:

Colour bright garnet. Rich flavours of red and black berries with a hint of violet. Fresh, round, 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

Wine Makers: John & Mary Sandifer

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