

# “Esprit de Jeanne”

## La Tourbeille Rosé 2017

### AOC Bordeaux

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 kilometres east of St Emilion, in the appellation region Entre Deux Mers.

#### *The Vineyard*

The elevated position on a porous limestone plateau and a strategic plantation orientation provide 360° sun exposure and ideal drainage for the limestone-clay soil. A clement micro-climate of moderate winters and warm, dry, extended summers affords a privileged niche that 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, which boosts the natural defenses and health of the vines and helps create a clean wine. Because we are a small family property, we can assure the careful attention of human scale practices in the winery.

#### *Vineyard Composition*

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

#### *Winemaking*

For this limited issue Rosé, family and friends gathered to help us harvest on 11 September 2017. We chose specific parcels of **Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon from our *vieilles vignes* (70-year-old vines) to create a Rosé of 3 varietals**, and began picking at the cool of dawn to prevent oxidation. We completed pressing by midday, using a gentle pneumatic press to ensure the pale pink color and delicate floral aromas. At the end of the fermentation period we do a manual *brassage des lies* to bring out a subtle *gras*. This Rosé was *élevé* in a custom made stainless steel tank and bottled 31 January 2018.

#### *Wine Maker's Notes:*

*L'Esprit de Jeanne* offers light floral notes of summer berries and pomegranate. Elegant, dry and refreshing.

#### *Wine Statistics:*

*Appellation:* Bordeaux Rosé

*Composition:* 40% Cab. Franc, 40% Merlot, 20% Cab. Sauvignon

*Alcohol:* 13 %

*pH:* 3.39

*TA:* 3.90

*Bottles produced:* 3330

#### *Winemakers:*

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