

“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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Petit Roque

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