

# La Tourbeille 2015

## 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 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*

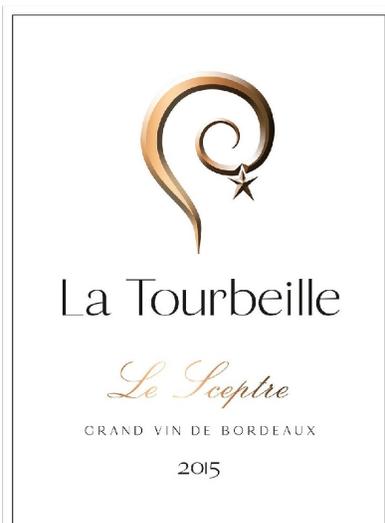
A millésime of exceptional sun and grape maturity, barrel-aged 2015 *Le Sceptre* is a blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon. Dates of Harvest: Merlot 21 September; Cabernet Sauvignon 7 October. The wine was fermented in custom made, stainless steel tanks designed for parcel driven vinification. Practices include slow initial fermentation, long maceration, manual *brassages des lies*, gentle batch pressing and a second, malolactic fermentation. 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.

La Tourbeille 2015 *Le Sceptre* was awarded a star in the **Guide Hachette** 2019:  
*"une cuvée séduisante"*



### *Wine Maker's Notes:*

Colour intense ruby. Bouquet aromatic of forest berries. Rich flavours of black fruit. Full-bodied, harmonious. Long on the palate with a lingering finish.



### **Wine Statistics:**

*Appellation:* Bordeaux Supérieur

*Cuvée "Le Sceptre" 2015*

*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

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