

# La Tourbeille 2014

## 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 domain foster indigenous bio-diversity.

### *Vineyard Composition*

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

### *Winemaking*

For this 2014 vintage we selected our choicest parcels of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon which benefitted from an exceptional late season of sunny, dry weather. We harvested on October 3 (Merlot) and October 13 (Cabernet Sauvignon) when the grapes were at peak maturity.

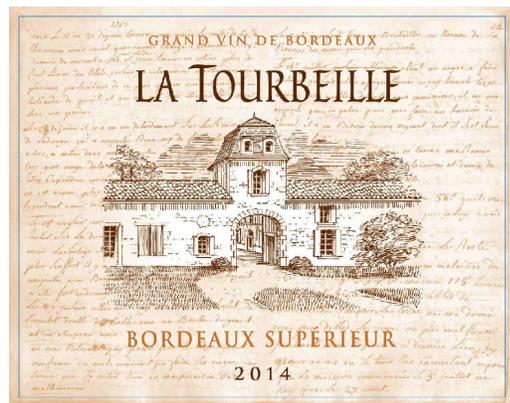
In the winery our modern, stainless steel tanks are custom-made for us by CTM of Montbazillac and designed for parcel driven vinification. We observe small scale practices from gentle maceration, temperature controlled fermentations and carefully managed extraction to achieve balance and maintain purity of fruit, through to batch pressing. This 2014 vintage was *élevé* 11 months in stainless steel.



La Tourbeille 2014 was awarded a silver medal at the 2017 **Concours de Paris** and the *Prix Plaisir* in the 2018 **Guide Bettane & Desseauve**: "Just the right touch of *gourmandise*".

### *Wine Maker's Notes:*

Colour intense ruby. Rich flavours of black fruit, true to *terroir*. Full-bodied, balanced. Long on the palate with a lingering finish.



### *Wine Statistics:*

*Appellation:* Bordeaux Supérieur

*Composition:* 86% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon

*Alcohol:* 13.5%

*pH:* 3.68

*TA:* 3.18

*Bottles produced:* 17,000

*Winemakers:* John & Mary Sandifer

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