

# La Tourbeille 2014 Reserve 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 elevated position on a porous limestone flint plateau and strategic plantation orientation provide 360° sun exposure and ideal drainage for the limestone-clay soil. The clement micro-climate of this privileged location, with moderate winters and warm, dry, extended summers, 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 and boost the natural defenses and health of the vines.

## ***Vineyard Composition***

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

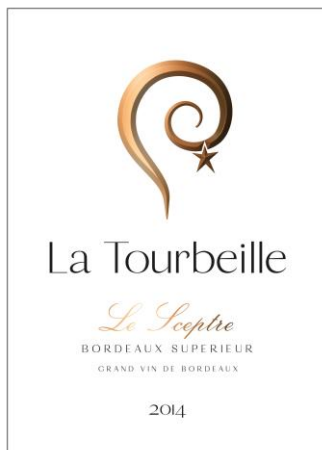
## ***Winemaking***

This barrel aged 2014 vintage *Le Sceptre*, is a select blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon. After harvest days on October 3 (Merlot) and October 13 (Cabernet Sauvignon) the wine was fermented in custom made, stainless steel tanks designed for parcel driven vinification, and then barreled in January 2015. The barrels are made by Seguin Moreau: (50 % new, 50% one year) French oak, *chauffe moyenne longue*. After 11 months in barrels, *Le Sceptre* was bottled in January 2016.

In our winery we observe small scale practices to coax out the flavours unique to our *terroir*, including slow initial fermentation, long maceration, gentle batch pressing and a second, malolactic fermentation. Our 2014 *Le Sceptre* production is limited to 1200 bottles,

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

Intense ruby color. Bouquet aromatic of forest berries. Rich flavours of black fruit, true to the local *terroir*. Full-bodied, concentrated, harmonious; long on the palate with a lingering finish.



## ***Wine Statistics:***

*Appellation:* Bordeaux Supérieur

*Cuvée “Le Sceptre”*

*Composition:* 70% Merlot; 30% Cabernet Sauvignon

*Élevé en barriques de chêne français, 11 months*

*Alcohol:* 13.5%

*pH:* 3.68

*TA:* 3.44

*Bottles produced:* 1200

*Winemakers:* John & Mary Sandifer

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