

“Esprit de Jeanne”

La Tourbeille Rosé 2018

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 a small-scale family producer and create our wines in our own winery at the vineyard. Location: 20 kilometres 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 the 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 limited issue Rosé, we harvested on 12 September 2018 from specific parcels of **Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon** of our *vieilles vignes* (70-year-old vines) to create a Rosé of 3 varietals. We began picking in the cool temperatures before dawn to prevent oxidation and immediately started pressing; our pneumatic press on a long and gentle cycle helped 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 on 29 January 2019.

Wine Maker's Notes:

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



Wine Statistics:

Appellation: Bordeaux Rosé

Composition: 60% Cab. Franc, 30% Merlot, 10% Cab. Sauvignon

Alcohol: 12.8 %

pH: 3.32

TA: 3.69

Bottles produced: 2900

Winemakers:

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