

La Tourbeille Rosé 2016

“L’Esprit de Jeanne”

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-flint 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 allows the grapes time to come 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. Because we are a small family property, we can assure human scale practices in the winery.

Vineyard Composition

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

Winemaking – Harvested by Hand

For this limited issue Rosé, family and friends gathered to help us hand harvest on 22 September 2016. We chose specific parcels of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from our *vieilles vignes* (70-year-old vines) to create a Rosé of 3 varietals. To prevent oxidation we began picking at the cool of dawn and stabilized the grapes at a low temperature. We completed pressing by midday, using a gentle pneumatic press to ensure the pale pink color and delicate floral aromas. This Rosé was *élevé* in a custom made, stainless steel tank with occasional *brassage des lies pour une touche de gras*, and bottled in January 2017.

Wine Maker's Notes:

“L’Esprit de Jeanne” offers light notes of forest berries and pomegranate. Elegant, aromatic, dry and refreshing.



Wine Statistics:

Appellation: Bordeaux Rosé

Composition: 50% Merlot, 35% Cab Franc, 15% Cab Sauvignon

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.43

TA: 3.42

Bottles produced: 2550

Winemakers: John & Mary Sandifer

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