

La Tourbeille 2019

AOC Bordeaux Supérieur

cuvée "Le Sceptre"

aged in French oak barrels

La Tourbeille has been a Bordeaux wine producing property for centuries, and home to our French American family for five generations. The 25 acre vineyard is perched on a sunny hilltop above the Dordogne River on the Côte de La Tourbeille, 20 kilometers east of St Emilion.

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 hilltop 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 100 acre family domain foster local bio-diversity.

Vineyard Composition

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

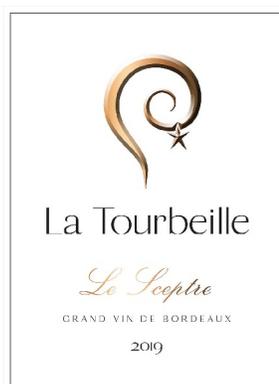
Winemaking

A great Bordeaux vintage, a year of ideal climatic conditions, propitious for this wine with a youthful, fresh palate and fine balance. The sunny after-season enabled the wine to develop a slightly exotic, charming aromatic profile. Harvest dates: Merlot September 26, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon October 4.

In the winery, our stainless steel vats are custom-built for parcel driven vinification. Our family team ensures attentive, human-scale work: meticulous extraction for balance, manual stirring of the lees for a touch of richness and gentle pressing for supple tannins. Practices include slow, controlled, initial fermentation, long maceration, and a second, malolactic fermentation. Barrels made from French oak, *chauffe moyenne longue*. After 12 months in barrels, *Le Sceptre* was bottled in January 2021.

To best express the indigenous and nuanced flavors of our *terroir*, no sulfites are used during fermentation.

Wine Maker's Notes: *"Bright ruby color; fresh palate with rich flavors of black cherry, plum, violet; complex and balanced structure; medium bodied; smooth finish"*



La Tourbeille 2019 *Le Sceptre*: **GOLD** Medal Concours Feminalise

Wine Statistics:

Appellation: Bordeaux Supérieur

Cuvée "Le Sceptre" 2019

Composition: 65% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

Aged in French oak barrels, 12 months

No sulphur during fermentation

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.61

TA: 3.77

Bottles produced: 3400

Winemakers: John & Mary Sandifer

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