

La Tourbeille 2016

AOC Bordeaux Supérieur

La Tourbeille has been a Bordeaux wine producing property for centuries, and home to our French American family for five generations. The 10-hectare vineyard is perched on a sunny hilltop above the Dordogne River, 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 *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, hedges, forests and streams of our 35-hectare domain foster indigenous bio-diversity. We are certified *Haute Valeur Environnementale*.

Vineyard Composition

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

Winemaking

Another grand *millésime* for Bordeaux, 2016 offered a dry summer and a long, sunny after season. Dates of harvest: Merlot 3 October; Cabernet Franc & Cabernet Sauvignon 18 October. The Cabernet Franc this year was mature and particularly aromatic.

To achieve a low sulphur profile and bring out the indigenous flavours of our *terroir*, we used *no sulphur* during fermentation. Our modern, stainless steel tanks are custom-made for us and designed for parcel driven vinification. We observe small scale practices from gentle maceration, temperature controlled fermentations and manual *brassages des lies* to carefully managed extraction and batch pressing for balance and smoothness. This 2016 vintage was élevé 11 months in stainless steel.

La Tourbeille 2016 was awarded two stars in the **Guide Hachette** 2019:

"...sweetness and gras on the palate... silky and delicate tannins."



London Wine Competition 2022 - Silver Medal; **Concours Feminalise Paris 2022** - Gold Medal;
Paris Wine Cup 2022 - Silver Medal

Wine Maker's Notes

Colour deep garnet. Complex bouquet with hint of violet and ripe cherry. Rich flavours of fresh fruit. Medium bodied, supple and round. Long finish with a touch of "gras".

Wine Statistics

Appellation: Bordeaux Supérieur

Composition: 80% Merlot; 15% Cabernet Franc;
5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 15%

pH: 3.64

TA: 3.67

Bottles produced: 12,000

Wine Makers: John & Mary Sandifer

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