

La Tourbeille 2018

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 25 acre vineyard is perched on a sunny hilltop above the Dordogne River on the Côte de LaTourbeille, 20 kilometers east of St Emilion.

The Vineyard

The vineyard's hilltop location 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 as a high quality terroir. The vineyard is bordered by woods, with a fruit orchard in the center; the surrounding prairies, hedges, forests and streams of the 100 acre family domain foster indigenous bio-diversity. Certified *Haute Valeur Environnementale*.

Vineyard Composition

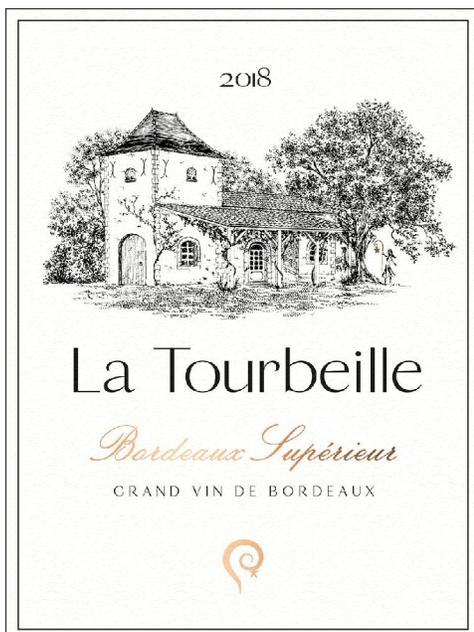
60% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Cabernet Franc

Winemaking

The vines enjoyed months of summer sun, after much needed winter and spring rains. We thus had the conditions for a rich vintage with a complex flavour profile. A late harvest allowed us to create a concentrated wine with mature tannins. Harvest dates: Merlot: 29 September; Cabernet Franc & Cabernet Sauvignon: 8 October
In the winery, our modern 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. To best express the indigenous and nuanced flavors of our terroir, *no sulfites* are used during fermentation. This 2018 vintage was aged 12 months in stainless steel.

Wine Maker's Notes:

Deep garnet color; complex perfume; rich flavors of red and black fruit; good structure; full body; smooth finish.
Concours de Bordeaux, Silver Medal



Wine Statistics

Appellation: Bordeaux Supérieur

Composition: 35% Merlot; 35% Cabernet Franc; 30% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.5 %

pH: 3.72

TA: 3.73

Bottles produced: 2 450

Wine Makers:

John & Mary Sandifer

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