

# La Tourbeille 2019

## 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 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, 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*

*Excellent millésime* for Bordeaux, a hot, dry summer and sunny after season. The rain just before the Cabernet harvest brought a light, juicy freshness to the wine. Dates of harvest: Merlot 26 September; Cabernet Franc 4 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 2019 vintage was aged 12 months in stainless steel.

London Wine Competition, **Gold** Medal;  
Concours de Paris, Silver Medal



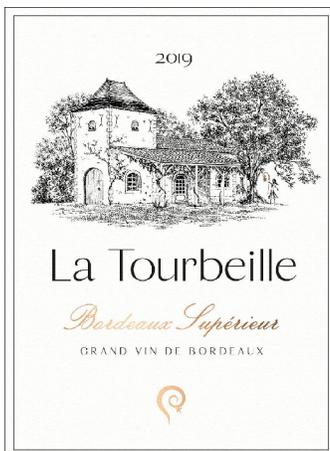
Concours Feminalise **Gold** Medal;



Wine Enthusiast: "This is a ripe and juicy wine.... the balance of black fruits, acidity and tannins prove a medley of structure and flavors."

### *Wine Maker's Notes:*

Bright ruby color; rich and youthful flavors of black cherry, plum and violet; fresh and balanced palate, elevated complexity; smooth finish"



### **Wine Statistics**

*Appellation:* Bordeaux Supérieur

*Composition:* 65 % Merlot; 35% Cabernet Franc

*Alcohol:* 14.5%

*pH:* 3.64

*TA:* 3.67

*Bottles produced:* 9,000

### **Wine Makers: John & Mary Sandifer**

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