

« *L'Esprit de Jeanne* »
La Tourbeille 2024
AOC Bordeaux Rosé

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

After the much needed rains of winter and spring, the vines benefited from summer sun. At dawn on 27 September we harvested in cool temperatures to preserve the delicate, aromatic profile and prevent oxidation. We pressed the grapes immediately using long, gentle cycles by pneumatic press to ensure minimal extraction, pale pink color and delicate perfumes. Before fermentation the wine was maintained at a very cold temperature. At the end of the fermentation we undertook a manual stirring of the lees to bring out a subtle *gras* (richness) on the palate and to balance the freshness of the acidity.

In the winery, our modern stainless steel vats are custom-built for parcel driven vinification. Our family team ensures attentive, human-scale work. This Rosé was bottled in January 2025.

Winemaker's Notes:

“pale pink colour; notes of cherry blossom and summer berries; elegant, dry and refreshing”



Characteristics :

Appellation: Bordeaux Rosé

Composition: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 12%

pH: 3.33

TA: 3.92

Bottles Produced: 3 235

Winemakers: John & Mary Sandifer

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