

La Tourbeille

Reine des Sources

Méthode Traditionnelle

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

A very dry, hot *millésime* for Bordeaux, but La Tourbeille vines withstood the heat and drought due to the age of the vines and the water retention properties of our soil. 2022 is an outstanding vintage with fragrant aromatics and rich pigments. Date of harvest for "Reine des Sources": Cabernet Sauvignon 23 August. We harvested at dawn in cool weather to preserve the aromatic profile and prevent oxidation. We immediately pressed the grapes, using long, gentle cycles of the pneumatic press to ensure the pink color and delicate aromas. Before fermentation, the wine was kept at a very low temperature. In the winery, our modern stainless steel vats are custom-built for parcel driven vinification. Our family team ensures attentive, human-scale work. This sparkling wine underwent a second fermentation, then followed the *méthode traditionnelle* process: aging on lees, riddling, disgorging, and dosage BRUT. Reine was bottled in March 2024.

"Reine des Sources" (Queen of the Springs) was inspired by a character from "Jeanne: Seeds of Infinity," a novel by Mary Bruton Sandifer; the label drawing is by Massachusetts artist Peter H. Reynolds.

Wine Maker's Notes:

"Bright pink color; fresh bursts of tart flavors of grenadine and summer berries; fine bubbles; dry and refreshing."



Wine Statistics:

Appellation: VSIG
Composition: 100 % Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol: 11.3%
pH: 3.06
TA: 4.92
Bottles produced: 1710

Wine Makers: John & Mary Sandifer

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