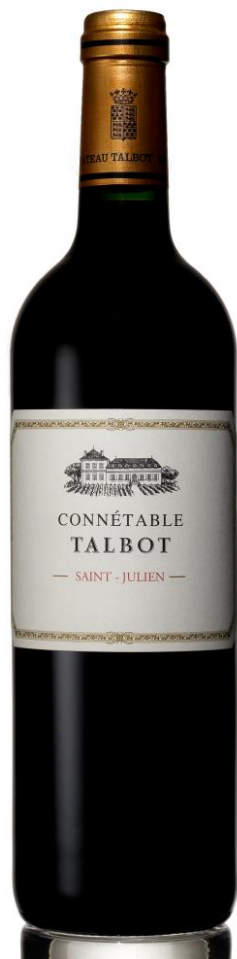




# CONNÉTABLE TALBOT

2007

*Second wine of Château Talbot, Classified Growth of Saint-Julien*



## HISTORY

Legend relates that the name of this imposing estate originates with Connétable Talbot, a famous English warrior, defeated at the battle of Castillon in 1453. Talbot is one of the Medoc's oldest estates, its glory never tainted. Through the years, it has been fortunate enough to remain in good hands. The owners are Nancy Bignon-Cordier and her family. They are the fifth generation of Cordiers to manage this Saint-Julien fourth Classified Growth.

Connétable Talbot appeared in the sixties; it is one of the oldest second wines of the Médoc. Over the years, it has profited from all the care given to the vineyard and the increasingly severe selections.

<b>Appellation</b>	Saint-Julien, 2 <sup>nd</sup> wine of Château Talbot
<b>Surface Area</b>	99 ha
<b>Soil</b>	Medoc's gravelly soil
<b>Density</b>	7700 plants/ha
<b>Vines average age</b>	30 years
<b>Pruning</b>	Medoc Double Guyot pruning
<b>Cultivation</b>	Plowing 4 traditional ways
<b>Harvest</b>	By hand
<b>Sorting</b>	In the vineyard and at the sorting table
<b>Vinification</b>	In wooden vats and stainless steel tanks
<b>Maturing</b>	15% new barrels
<b>Harvest 2007</b>	From September 21 <sup>st</sup> to October 10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Blend 2007</b>	56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot
<b>Bottling date</b>	From April 06 <sup>th</sup> to April 17 <sup>th</sup> 2009

## VINTAGE 2007

April was a really beautiful month, very dry and warm. May, June and early summer were quite humid, but September was incredibly sunny and warm, which allowed the grapes to ripen. Consequently, the right balance of sugar and acidity was reached. The phenolic components were finally high enough and it was time to harvest.

## TASTING NOTES

Intense and incredibly balanced, this wine shows a really nice roundness on the palate. Regarding the flavors, it reveals a wonderful finesse with citrus fruits, blackcurrant leaves and a hint of boxwood. The whole is perfectly enhanced by woody notes, which lead to an elegant and harmonious wine.