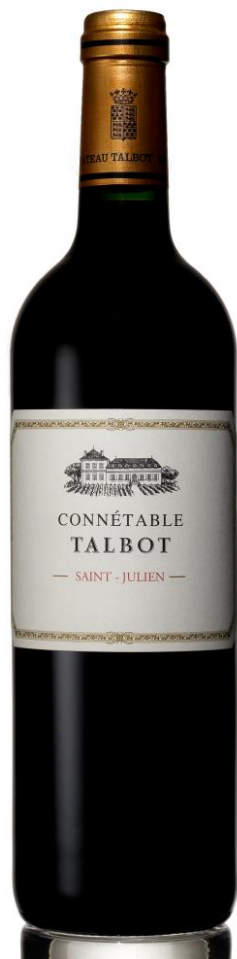




CONNÉTABLE TALBOT

2009

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 fourth 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.

Appellation	Saint-Julien, 2 nd wine of Château Talbot
Surface Area	104 ha
Soil	Medoc's gravelly soil
Density	7700 plants/ha
Vines average age	30 years
Pruning	Medoc Double Guyot pruning
Cultivation	Plowing 4 traditional ways
Harvest	By hand
Sorting	In the vineyard and at the sorting table
Vinification	In wooden vats and stainless steel tanks
Maturing	15% new barrels
Harvest 2009	From September 29 th to October 15 th
Blend 2009	75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot
Bottling date	From May 18 th to May 28 th 2011

VINTAGE 2009 BY STEVEN SPURRIER (DECANTER)

Described by the great Bordeaux buffs of the past as 'quintessential claret', Saint-Julien manages to live up to its reputation in vintage after vintage. In 2009 the extra concentration from low-yielding ripe Cabernet Sauvignon has added richness and depth for long ageing, while fragrance, harmony and balance remain the hallmarks. Thanks to the perfect conditions at vintage time, picking dates were consistent throughout the appellation. The châteaux are very true to their soil and style, with a vigor and energy not found in lesser vintages. The best will improve over three decades, perhaps more.

TASTING NOTES

This wine shows a beautiful garnet color. The nose delivers intense scents of red and white fruits enhanced by fine spices. This medium-bodied wine has a nice texture with soft and round tannins. It is incredibly seducing thanks to its purity and elegance.

DISTINCTION

Neal Martin: 85-87