

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, 2nd 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

Degree 13% vol

Harvest 2013 From September 12thto September 28th

Blend 2013 69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot

Bottling Date From March 12th to March 18th 2015

VINTAGE 2013

2013 has been a very special year with one of the latest blooming date (June 16th) and difficult weather conditions (many rainy periods and low temperature). Only the great soil of the plateau, in the best gravels planted with Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot will be selected for the great wine.

Similar to 2012 but in a more delicate style, 2013 wines have a subtle tannic backbone with juicy fruit and vivid floral aromas (rose and small berries). Harmonious and well balanced this Talbot 2013 has been produced in a very limited quantity; this vintage is one of the most parsimonious since 1991!

DISTINCTION

Jancis Robinson: 15/20

TASTING NOTES: Mr. DERENONCOURT – NOVEMBER 2015

Although he did not have the depth of the previous vintages, the 2013 Connétable has a straightforward and accessible nose dominated by fresh spices and acidulous fruits. The palate is well-shaped on a tannic base of fine Cabernet Sauvignon with a lively finish.