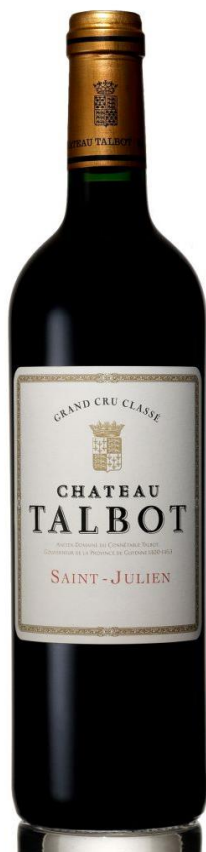




CHATEAU TALBOT

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Julien

2005



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.

Appellation	Saint-Julien, 4th Grand Cru Classé in 1855
Surface Area	98 ha
Soil	Medoc's gravelly soil
Density	7700 plants/ha
Vines average age	50 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
Maturing	50% new barrels
Harvest 2005	From September 29 th to October 13 th
Blend 2005	57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot
Bottling date	From May 29 th to June 15 th / July 02 nd to July 10 th 2007

VINTAGE 2005

The 2005 vintage is, without any doubt, one of the greatest Bordeaux vintages of recent decades. The largely dry weather engendered the development of small and concentrated berries, with hard skins rich in tannin. Thus, there is a potential for plenty of structure in the wines, as well as the ripe substance, flavor and acidity brought by the warm weather. Here are all the ingredients in order to produce wonderful wines with a great longevity.

TASTING NOTES

Very representative of the excellent 2005 vintage in the Medoc. The nose reveals a great intensity and complexity, with both floral and fruity notes with hints of violet, blackcurrant and vanilla. On the palate, the wine shows an incredible structure as well as freshness and elegance. Fruity aromas and fine tannins lead to a beautiful and persistent finish.

AWARDS

La Revue du Vin de France	16/20	Wine Advocate -Parker	90	Gault Millau	17/20
Bettane&Desseauve	17/20	Wine Spectator	92	Decanter	4 stars