



CHATEAU TALBOT

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Julien

2008



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.

Appellation	Saint-Julien, 4th Grand Cru Classé in 1855
Surface Area	102 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 woodenvats
Maturing	50% new barrels
Harvest 2008	From September 24 th to October 15 th
Blend 2008	75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot
Bottling date	From May 04 th to May 21 st 2010

VINTAGE 2008

The weather in spring 2008 was a typically oceanic climate from the Medoc— cool and wet. It was followed by a surprising dry and fresh month of July. August was really sunny with cool nights particularly beneficial for the vineyard and this warm weather continued until September with a hot and dry Indian summer. Chemical analysis showed a high amount of sugar, high enough acidity and a good accumulation of phenolic compounds. As a result, 2008 vintage gave birth to dense and fruity red wines as well as delicious and complex white wines.

TASTING NOTES

Here is a nice concentration of fruits from the sun. This wine offers elegant aromas such as plum, almond blossoms and kernel, characteristics of Cabernet Sauvignon. It is perfectly balanced, with round tannins very well-integrated which lead to a long silky finish, almost sweet.

AWARDS

Bettane&Desseauve	17/20	Wine Advocate -Parker	89-91	Jancis Robinson	16/20
Gault Millau	16/20	Wine Spectator	86-89	Decanter	4 stars