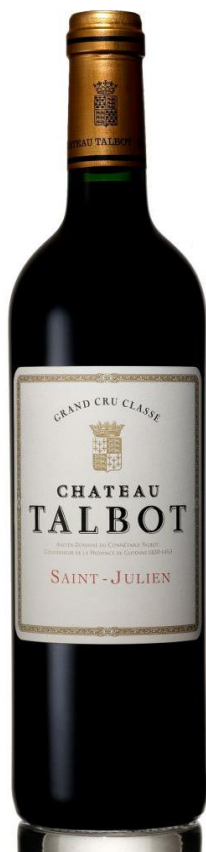




CHATEAU TALBOT

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Julien

2009



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	104 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 2009	From September 29 th to October 13 th
Blend 2009	65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot
Bottling date	From May 09 th to May 27 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 beautiful wine reveals a dense purple red color. In the nose appear scents of graphite, licorice and sweet black cherries. On the palate, it is medium-bodied and shows a very smooth texture, mature tannins as well as a nice acidity. The finish combines perfectly the darkness of the vintage and the freshness of a great Cabernet.

AWARDS

La Revue du Vin de France	17/20	Wine Enthusiast	93-95	Gault Millau	16,5/20
Wine Advocate –Parker	92-94	Wine Spectator	92-95	Decanter	17/20
Le Journal Tasted	96/100				4 stars



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Mid crimson. Lightish but well balanced. Very transparent. Dances rather than sings. Just a little sharp with slightly austere tannins. But there's a good long finish and I may well be underrating this wine.

(Jancis Robinson – Octobre 2011- 16,5/20)