



## 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.

<b>Appellation</b>	Saint-Julien, 4th Grand Cru Classé in 1855
<b>Surface Area</b>	102 ha
<b>Soil</b>	Medoc's gravelly soil
<b>Density</b>	7700 plants/ha
<b>Vines average age</b>	50 years
<b>Pruning</b>	Medoc Double Guyot pruning
<b>Cultivation</b>	Plowing 4 traditional ways
<b>Harvest</b>	By hand
<b>Sorting</b>	In the vineyard and at the sorting table
<b>Vinification</b>	In woodenvats
<b>Maturing</b>	50% new barrels
<b>Harvest 2012</b>	From September 12 <sup>th</sup> to September 28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Blend 2012</b>	60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot
<b>Bottling date</b>	From May 15 <sup>th</sup> to May 26 <sup>th</sup> 2014

## VINTAGE 2012

The main characteristic is a reduced volume due to a difficult flowering during a cool, rainy spring following a dry and cold winter. The relatively parsimony will benefit from a warm and dry summer up to the end of September. We picked the Merlots from the first to third October. After a strategic pause, we picked the Cabernets on the plateau with their complex phenolic potential from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October. Already, by the end of the maceration, the wines were showing a powerful black fruit flavors and a juicy taste.

## TASTING NOTES

Dense and deep ruby colour. Perfumed nose of violet and cassis with mineral tones. Fresh and energetic on the palate, with suave flavors of dark berries, minerals and dry herbs. This captivating Talbot has lovely length and balance.

## AWARDS

Revue du vin de France – 16/20	Jancis Robinson – 16/20	Wine advocate : Parker 90-92/100
Wine spectator : 84-87/100	Decanter – 16.75/20	Gilbert & Gaillard : 92-94/100
Le Point : 15.5/20	Terre de Vins : 16.5/20	Wine Cellar : 89-91/100
Gault Millau : 16.5/20	Bettane & Desseauve : 16.5/20	