



CHÂTEAU TOUR DES GRAVES CÔTES DE BOURG RED 2020



David Arnaud, 5th generation of the Arnaud family, took over the estate in 2009. On the right bank, just few miles, as the crow flies, away from Margaux the other side of the Gironde estuary, the estate is located in the Côtes de Bourg (Hillsides of Bourg) named of the eponymous city.

The historical citadel of Bourg has protected the city of Bordeaux for centuries making this vineyard the most ancient in the region with record dating back to the 2nd century AD.

The Terroir here is an interesting mix between the best of the right bank with chalk and clay as well as the characteristic soil of the left bank with gravel. That's the reason why we can find in Bourg one of the most diverse patrimony of the Bordeaux varietals and the highest percentage of Malbec in the all region.

This vineyard, even though part of Bordeaux, has been able to keep its small farmer roots with only 250 family own wineries averaging 25 acres or less. Nicknamed the "Little Switzerland" for its hilly picturesque topography. The hills and the proximity of both the estuary and the Dordogne River are the defining feature of this compact appellation.

SOIL TYPE _____

Parcel located in the village of Teuillac with a nice South exposure
Terroir of Clay and gravel & Clay and limestone

VARIETAL _____

80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc
Typical right bank/Saint Emilion blend - 35 years-old vines

CULTURE _____

Certified organic with Ecocert from the vintage 2021.
Organic farming with no herbicide, no pesticides or phytosanitary products.
Traditionnal ploughing of the soil. Natural grass cover between the row.

VINIFICATION/AGEING _____

Fermentation and maceration of 3 weeks in temperature controlled vat. 12 months ageing for half in new 225 litter French oak barrels (30% new oak).

TASTING NOTES _____

Flattering nose of baked red berries Supple and silky tannins are perfectly integrated. Aromas of redcurrant and blackberry in the mouth. The oak is very subtle and bring nice spicy notes.

From the same Winery :

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