



CHÂTEAU DE BARBE

CHAPELLE DE BARBE 2015



HISTORY

The Château de Barbe was owned by the Marquis de Barbe up until 1774...but the vineyards exist since the 14th century. In 1680, the Marquis de Barbe, a Jesuit, had the Chapelle de Barbe built next to the Gironde. A small port allowed vessels to dock there in order to load wine barrels for shipping to the Americas and Northern countries. Rebuilt in the 18th century, this property was transmitted through generations until 1993 when the Richard family purchased the chateau. One of the most beautiful Bourgeois properties, the chateau and its attached labyrinth cannot be ignored as they dominate the Gironde.

REGION

Bordeaux Supérieur, France

VARIETAL

90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARDS

The Château counts 41 hectares of Côtes de Bourg and 25 hectares of Bordeaux Supérieur. Alluvial soils and chalky-clay on slopes. Planting density and yield : 4500 vines/hectare - 50 hl/hectare; Average age of vines: 30 years

WINEMAKER

François Clauzel and Eric Boissenot

WINEMAKING

The clusters were gently destemmed, slow fermentation, temperature control 28-29°C. Malolactic fermentation and ageing in stainless steel.

VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage began with rainy months of January and February but the trend changed significantly in spring with a water deficit and high average temperatures in April and May. Between June 1st and 15th we saw exceptional conditions for flowering. The summer was hot, dry and sunny but with the somewhat cold nights, thus avoiding withering of the vines. The relatively early harvest took place under excellent weather conditions, allowing us to harvest healthy grapes with optimal ripeness; the Cabernet Sauvignon being particularly successful. Wines from the 2015 vintage are rich and fruity with good color. Start date of the harvest: September 21st. Bud burst for Merlot: April 15

TASTING NOTES

The color of this Bordeaux Supérieur 2015 anticipates the explosive bouquet of black fruit berries featuring blackcurrant and blueberry, along with some hints of delicate flowers. It is fleshy and full in the mouth while having a touch of liveliness. The ensemble therefore has good fresh balance to go with the nice length on the palate and beautifully adds the finishing touches to this very expressive wine.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.61
Residual Sugar: 1.4g/l
Alcohol: 14%
Total Acidity: 3.39 g/l