

BORDEAUX

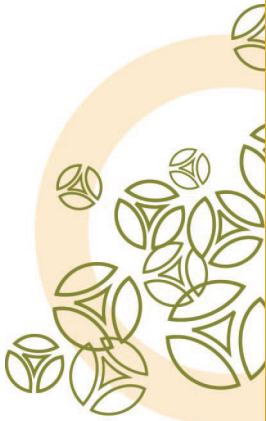
CHATEAU LA BOURRÉE
ST-MAGNE-DE-CASTILLON

M. Jean Francois Meynard
Côtes de Castillon
10 hectares

Côtes de Castillon is located on the eastern border of Saint Emilion. It became an independent appellation only in 1989, before which it was classified as Bordeaux Superieur "Côtes de Castillon". Until 1920 the wines were labeled as "près Saint Emilion". The appellation takes its name from the town of Castillon La Bataille where in 1453 a battle took place that ended the 100 year war with England. The vineyards are a geological extension of those encountered in Saint Emilion with some good sites on the upper plains as well as the more classic hillsides and elevated plateaux.

Chateau La Bourrée extends over 10 hectares where the upper river plain meets the first hillsides. The vineyard is planted with 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc and Malbec. The yields are kept to 45h/hl by green harvesting and leaves are pulled as needed to insure proper ripening. All the grapes are brought to a sorting table before entering the winery allowing only the best fruit to be vinified. Fermentation on the skins lasts for three weeks after which the wine is aged in used barrels for a year.

The resulting wine is a good example of Côtes de Castillon's distinct ability to produce wines of structure, depth and a suppleness that allows the wine to be pleasurable in its youth.

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