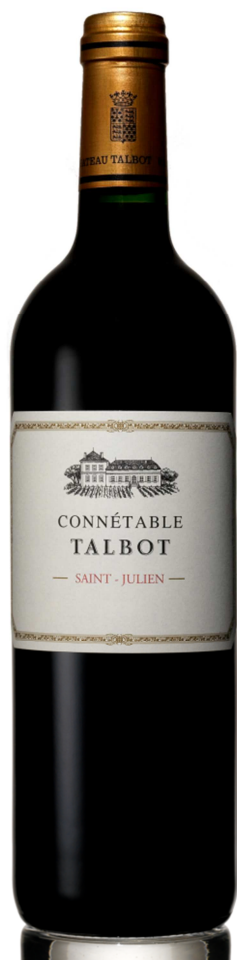




CONNÉTABLE TALBOT

2012

Second wine of Château Talbot, Classified Growth of Saint-Julien



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.

Connétable Talbot appeared in the sixties; it is one of the oldest second wines of the Médoc. Over the years, it has profited from all the care given to the vineyard and the increasingly severe selections.

Appellation	Saint-Julien, 2 nd wine of Château Talbot
Surface Area	102 ha
Soil	Medoc's gravelly soil
Density	7700 plants/ha
Yield	38 hl/ha
Vines average age	56 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 wooden vats and stainless steel tanks
Maturing	15% new barrels
Harvest 2012	From September 12 th to September 28 th
Blend 2012	62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot
Bottle production	181 901 btles
Bottling date	From April 28 th to May 07 th 2014

VINTAGE 2012

It is characterized by a reduced volume due to a difficult flowering after a cool, rainy spring succeeding a dry and cold winter. The relatively parsimony will benefit most from a warm and dry August finally. We picked the big merlots from the first to third October. After a strategic stop, from 10th to 15th October, We picked the cabernets of plateau with their complex phenolic potential and a great classic. The wines are labeled by running off a tight weave and aromas of cherries and black berries.

AWARDS

RVF : 14.5/20

Le Point : 14/20

Bettane & Desseauve : 15/20

