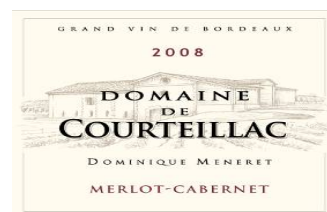


DOMAINE DE COURTEILLAC

INFORMATION SHEET

Anglais

Region : A.O.C. BORDEAUX SUPERIEUR
Owner : Dominique MENERET
Wine : DOMAINE DE COURTEILLAC



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History : Dominique MENERET, issued from a wine growers family in St-Emilion, purchased this estate in 1998. Domaine de Courteillac is located on the highest plateau of Entre Deux Mers, 20mn drive south-east of Saint-Emilion. Enjoying an exceptional terroir, very similar to the terroir of Saint-Emilion and Côtes de Castillon, this vineyard produces wines of great elegance and extreme finesse which can stand out amongst the top wines of the Bordeaux Superieur appellation and can compare to wines of more noble producing areas in Bordeaux.



Terroir : Surface in production : 27 hectares

Soil : a layer of chalk, clay and gravels.

Sub soil : chalk

Grape varieties : 70% merlot - 20% Cabernet Sauvignon - 10% Cabernet Franc

Average age of the vineyard : around 15 years

Spacing : 40% at 3.300 roots per hectare - 60% at 5.000.

Progressive and regular replanting to reach 100% at 5.000 roots over the next 5 to 8 years.

Yield : well controlled, at around 45 hectolitres per hectare

Production : 120.000 to 150.000 bottles, depending of the vintage

Product information : Vine cultivation :

* Pruning : guyot double

* Selective de-budding

* Mecanical thin-out of the leaves

* Mecanical harvesting, followed by a carefull manual sorting

Vinification :

Traditional, with rather short macerations, adapted to each vintage, the vinification is conducted in a winery which has been completely renovated, with a diversity of concreted vats of small capacity and stainless-steel vats, all of them being equiped with a temperature control system.

This disparity in capacities helps to vinify separately each parcel and grape variety.

Ageing :

During 14 to 16 months, the wines are partly aged in oak barrels, 25% of them being renewed each year and 50% being one year old, the rest being kept in concrete vats. The aging cellar has been completely redone in 2000 and can hold 450 barrels.



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