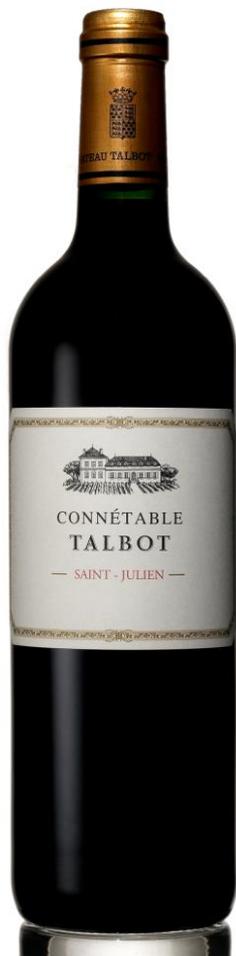




CONNÉTABLE TALBOT

2009

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.

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| Appellation | Saint-Julien, 2 nd wine of Château Talbot |
| Surface Area | 104 ha |
| Soil | Medoc's gravelly soil |
| Density | 7700 plants/ha |
| Yield | 48 hl/ha |
| Vines average age | 42 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 | 20% new barrels |
| Harvest 2009 | From September 29 th to October 15 th |
| Blend 2009 | 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot |
| Production | 1545 hl |

VINTAGE 2009 BY STEVEN SPURRIER (DECANTER)

Described by the great Bordeaux buffs of the past as 'quintessential claret', Saint-Julien manages to live up to its reputation in vintage after vintage. In 2009 the extra concentration from low-yielding ripe Cabernet Sauvignon has added richness and depth for long ageing, while fragrance, harmony and balance remain the hallmarks. Thanks to the perfect conditions at vintage time, picking dates were consistent throughout the appellation. The châteaux are very true to their soil and style, with a vigor and energy not found in lesser vintages. The best will improve over three decades, perhaps more.

TASTING NOTES

This wine shows a beautiful garnet color. The nose delivers intense scents of red and white fruits enhanced by fine spices. This medium-bodied wine has a nice texture with soft and round tannins. It is incredibly seducing thanks to its purity and elegance.