



HANDPICKED™
WINES

2018 Regional Selections Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

- Bordeaux blend
- Top vintage
- Great intensity and persistence



A NOTE FROM THE WINEMAKER

Our first wine from Castillon wine is a powerful wine from an outstanding vintage.

SEASON

Bordeaux 2018 will be remembered as an outstanding vintage with wines of full ripeness, fruit intensity and high alcohol. Yields were close to average and of excellent quality for the great majority; some few were adversely affected by difficult conditions including hailstorms in May and July and very high rainfall in March and April leading to high disease pressure. The latter half of the season was textbook perfect for ripening and harvesting late-ripening red varieties, with warm, dry conditions throughout July, August, September and into October.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was destemmed then fermented in stainless steel and concrete fermenters. The wine was matured in a mix of new and seasoned French oak for 12 months before bottling at the estate.

TASTING NOTE

From limestone-rich soils on the banks of the Dordogne, this powerful wine combines layers of plum and dark fruits with flint and toasty oak. A full-bodied wine with great persistence of flavour.

REGION

One of the world's oldest and most illustrious wine regions, Bordeaux is where great fortunes have been won and lost on grand estates adorned with sumptuous chateaux. It is also one of France's largest regions in both area and volume of wine produced. Red Bordeaux may be blended from a list of approved varieties, but are usually Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, with a small amount of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. This practice may have arisen from the chance planting of different varieties, but it has the advantage of spreading risk in the frequent challenging seasons in this region prone to humidity and unsettled weather. It has the other great benefit of producing long-lived wines of great complexity.

The small appellation of Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux is on Bordeaux's Right Bank - to the east of the Gironde estuary and the Garonne river - where conditions favour Merlot, which is more widely planted than Cabernet Sauvignon. Castillon has soils rich in limestone and gentle slopes reaching north from the Dordogne river.

Food Match

Roasted beef, barbecued beef steak, mature cheddar cheese.

Wine Style

Big & Bold
Rich & Generous

Service

TEMPERATURE
13-18°C

CELLAR POTENTIAL
2033+

