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WINES**

2018 Regional Selections Côtes de Bordeaux

- Bordeaux blend
- Excellent vintage
- Cassis and black fruits



A NOTE FROM THE WINEMAKER

The perfect place to begin your exploration of Bordeaux

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

A Merlot-dominant blend from vineyards on Bordeaux's Right Bank, this is a rich wine with plush cassis and black fruits, spicy oak and firm tannin.

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 Côtes de Bordeaux appellation comprises a group of small regions on the Right Bank of Bordeaux region. Conditions favour Merlot, which is more widely planted than Cabernet Sauvignon. Côtes de Bordeaux is known for generous, round and well-structured wines that present excellent value for money.

Food Match

Pulled pork burger, veal, turkey and game birds, cassoulet, aged hard cheeses.

Wine Style

Big & Bold
Rich & Generous

Service

TEMPERATURE
13-18°C

CELLAR POTENTIAL
2028+

