



MONTEBERIOT CÔTES DE BOURG VILLA JEANNE

certified organic

Marie-Hélène Leonard and Gilles Marsaudon bought Monteberiot in 2002. They knew from the beginning that it would be their labor of love. The natural beauty of Côtes de Bourg (aka, Bordeaux's little Switzerland) stole their hearts, and they were able to afford Monteberiot and its 25 acres because it was in such a state of disrepair. In the years since, they have admirably reconstituted its 15 acres of vines and revamped the winery.

VINEYARD



Site: The Côtes de Bourg are perched over the confluence of the Dordogne and Garonne Rivers at the start of the vast Gironde estuary. This compact, hilly appellation looks across the estuary to Margaux and its flatlands. Bourg is the sunniest and driest of Bordeaux's appellations.

Soil: Clay on top of limestone. The bedrock has been measured as thick as 66 feet.

Vines: The domaine's best 7 of 15 acres of vines are dedicated to this wine, the Villa Jeanne cuvée.

Varieties: 70% Merlot, 20% Malbec, 10% Cabernet Franc.

CELLAR

Élevage:: Ferments in concrete. Just under half is brought up for 18 months in 1-to-2-year-old barrels while the rest ages in concrete before bottling.

Bottling: No fining, a light filtration.

Production: 1,300 cases.

Profile: A stately wine, rich with Bordeaux's classicism, and a great value.