



MONTEBERIOT CÔTES DE BOURG VILLA JEANNE

*certified organic

Gilles and Marie-Hélène fell in love with the natural beauty of Côtes de Bourg, long known as Bordeaux's little Switzerland, and bought Monteberiot in 2002. They had worked in the trenches of the wine trade, in sales and marketing, and they were able to afford Monteberiot and its 25 acres because it was a dilapidated mess. In the years since, they reconstituted all 15 acres of its vines, revamped the cellar, and now make the classical style of Bordeaux they most admire.

VINEYARD



Soil: The Côtes de Bourg is the sunniest and driest of all of Bordeaux's appellations. Its compact, rolling landscape rises above the confluence of the Dordogne and Garonne Rivers, where the vast Gironde estuary begins, and looks across the estuary to Margaux and its flatlands.

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. *Certified by Ecocert in France but not by USDA in America.

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.