

CHÂTEAU TOUR DE GILET

"EXPRESSION DE PETIT VERDOT" BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR



Château Tour de Gilet is in Ludon in the Haut-Médoc, home to 5th Growth Château La Lagune. The current château was built on the foundations of the ancient Abbey de Gilet, which dates from the 12th Century. At that time the vineyard was already surrounded by “jalles” or small crisscrossing drainage canals to help produce wines of higher quality. Today, oenologist Claude Gaudin makes an extraordinary wine at this small property using techniques such as dense planting in the vineyard and green harvesting to lower the yield, sorting at the harvest and very natural wine making for maximum expression of the fruit.

Region:	Bordeaux
Appellation:	Bordeaux Supérieur
Farming Practices:	Sustainable
Vineyard:	6 hectares
Soil:	Clay and gravel
Grape Varieties:	60% Petit Verdot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon
Age of Vines:	45 years
Yield:	55 hl/ha
Avg. Production:	9,000 bottles when made

Vinification and Élevage: Following harvest, the grapes go through an all-natural yeast fermentation in stainless steel. The cuvée is then racked in oak barrels (20% new) and aged for 18 months.

About Petit Verdot: Petit Verdot is commonly used as a blending grape in Bordeaux. It is one of oenologist Claude Gaudin’s favorite grapes. He sought to show how it can be used as the primary grape in the blend, giving the wine a unique boldness that is associated with Petit Verdot when it comes to full maturity.

Tasting Notes: Made only in the finest vintage years, the wine has a vibrant black fruit nose with floral notes of violet and lavender. The palate is well-structured with ripe tannins and bold fruit. This is a unique wine rarely seen in Bordeaux. Pairs well with grilled meats such as lamb chops, pork, or steak, grilled or roasted vegetables, and aged cheeses.

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