

# DOMAINE DE L'A

### CASTILLON CÔTES DE BORDEAUX AOC 2015



#### **BACKGROUND**

Situated in Castillon appellation, Domaine de l'A was created in 1999 by Christine Derenoncourt, wine grower of Bordeaux and Stephane, wine grower and internationally recognized consultant. Both free thinkers, Domaine de l'A is a culmination of their ideas on vine growing and how to best reveal the identity their terroir. Domaine de l'A became over the past years one of the major reference of Côtes de Bordeaux.

#### **APPELLATION**

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux AOC, France

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc

#### **WINEMAKING & VINTAGE NOTES**

Situated in the district of Sainte-Colombe, the eastern slopes of which are adjacent to those of Saint-Emilion. Soils are a continuation of the highly sought-after calcareous limestone vein that is shared by most Grands Crus and prestigious estates in that area. The average age of the vines is 40 years.

Handpicked harvest. Grape sorting in the vineyard and cellar, before de-stemming. Transfer of the harvest on a conveyor belt into oak casks. Pumping over the juice and cap punching. Alcoholic fermentation exclusively carried out by indigenous yeasts. The wines are aged until maturity in barrels for an average period of 16-18 months.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

A deep plum/purple color is accompanied by sweet black cherry, darker currant and briery notes, a wine with supple, velvety tannins, a lush texture and a heady finish.

This wine is best served with the mythic Steak Frites, but will also be perfect with boeuf bourguignon, braised duck with mushrooms and strong cheeses.



WINE SPECTATOR

- 92 PTS JAMES SUCKLING 2/18
- 91 PTS VINOUS 2/18
- 91 PTS DECANTER 4/16



## **WINEMAKER**

Stéphane Derenoncourt

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Alcohol 13.5%









