

CHÂTEAU JOANIN BECOT

CASTILLON 2015



Joanin Bécot is located at some of the highest elevations along the Gironde. Their Cotes de Castillon, Bordeaux wine vineyard is named for the terroir. In fact, Joanin is situated on a "lieu-dit" called Joanin. Shortly after purchasing the estate, the family added their name to the property as well. Juliette Bécot, the owner and wine maker of Joanin Bécot says, her philosophy is to consider her Cotes de Castillon vineyard like a beautiful garden which takes work during the summer. She treats her grapes carefully, just like refined roses.



Appellation : Cotes de Castillon.

Situation : 300 metres to the west of Saint-Philippe D'Aiguilhe.

Surface area : 11,57 hectares.

Soil : Chalky clay with fossilised starfish.

Grape varieties : 75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc.

Planting density : 5200 vines / ha.

New plantings : 6200 vines / ha.

Average age of vines : 35 years.

Vineyard management : Bordeaux-style pruning, leaving two basic branches (Cordeau), leaf removal carried out twice, green fruit removal. Harvest by hand.

Yields : 25 to 35 hl / ha.



WINEMAKING: Fruit screening on three separate tables. (2 before de-stemming, 1 after). Vatting : in stainless steel, temperature-controlled, 72 hl vats. Processing of fruit plot by plot. Cold steeping of fruit for 5 days before fermentation (12 degrees Celsius) Vatting period of approximately 30 days. The wine is run-off into barrels without using pumps.

AGEING: Between 16 and 18 months. Late malolactic fermentation in Spring 70 % in new barrels, 30 % in one-year-old barrels. Production : approximately 49,000 bottles. Consultant œnologist : Jean-Philippe Fort. Second wine : Le secret de Joanin.

"On the toasty side, with flashes of vanilla and mocha, but there's ample fleshy plum sauce and currant preserve flavors at the core, along with lingering notes of anise and violet on the finish. Best from 2019 through 2025."

92 Points – Wine Spectator, March 2018

"The 2015 Joanin Bécot has long been one of my favorite Côtes de Castillons and this is a little gem. A blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, it has a very pure and sensual bouquet with ripe raspberry, strawberry and cassis scents. The palate is medium-bodied with vanillary new oak on the entry, quite powerful but controlled on the palate, the 15% alcohol neatly disguised with a slightly tarry but fresh finish. Give this 3-5 years in bottle and wash down with a juicy steak."

90-92 Points – Wine Advocate, April 2016



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