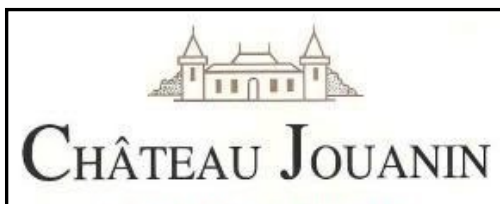


# CHÂTEAU JOUANIN

## CASTILLON CÔTES DE BORDEAUX



Current owner Georges Taix's father came from Béziers (Languedoc) to settle in Bordeaux. He started a machinery company, and bought Jouanin as his residence, using the vineyard and wine-making as his hobby. Today, Georges is director of the same company and with his wife and son Pierre, also manages the winery.

Located in the town of Monbadon along the right bank of the Dordogne River and neighbouring St. Emilion. The terroir consists of clay and limestone soils of just over 8 hectares of vineyards. In fact, the Taix family also own 9 hectares of vineyard in Puisseguin, called Château Fongaban. The Castillon property, in the commune of Monbadon, is comprised of a plateau together with all the slopes and escarpments leading up to it.

**Soil:** Mainly limestone on the plateau and clay on the slopes.

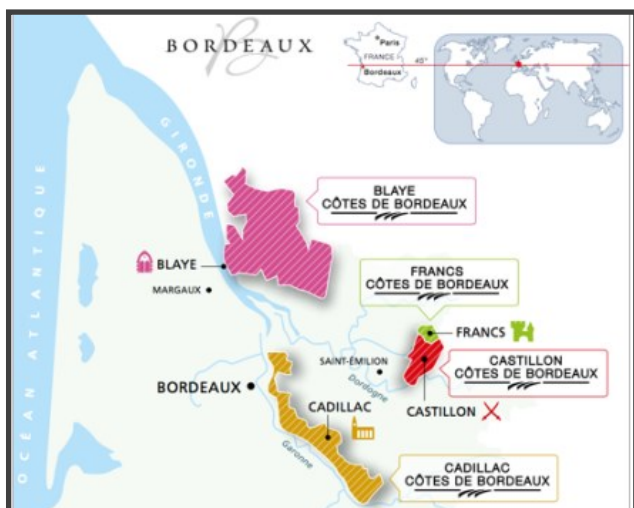
**Grape varieties:** 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet-Franc

**Harvest methods:** Machine-picking whenever conditions permit.

**Vinification Methods:** The musts are cooled, then fermented at standard temperatures of 28-30°C in three 200-hectolitre stainless-steel vats, in 2 large concrete vats, and, for the smaller lots, in 21 little concrete vats. Sprinkler cooling systems are used for the stainless-steel vats, and external heat-exchangers for the concrete vats.

**Ageing:** The finished wines are transferred partly to wooden vats and partly to new French oak barrels for ageing. Usually they are bottled after 15 months.

*"It has rich concentrated black cherry and bramble characters that are enhanced on the palate with licorice, cloves and added spice, this wine seriously over delivers." - Winemaker*



### CASTILLON CÔTES-DE-BORDEAUX

Côtes de Castillon is located due east of St. Emilion and south of Fronsac, and is a large appellation with 2,832 hectares under vine. The appellation includes 9 communes: Belves de Castillon, Castillon la Bataille, Gardegan et Tourtirac, Monbadon, Sainte Colombe, Saint Genes de Castillon, Saint Magne de Castillon, Saint Philippe-d Aiguilhe and Les Salles de Castillon. Close to 350 growers inhabit the appellation, but around 100 of them work with local cooperatives.

The finest terroir is located on the plateau with large deposits of limestone and clay soils. Further down the slopes, you find more clay, gravel and sand. On the plateau, the soils are similar to that which you find in some of the best St. Emilion terroirs. Before it became an official AOC designated appellation in 1989, the region was known as Bordeaux Superieur Côtes de Castillon. In 2008, Côtes de Castillon became part of the new, Côtes de Bordeaux appellation.



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