GRAND VIN DE BORDEAUX



CHÂTEAU MOUTINOT Saint-Estèphe



Proudly modern and great respect for the terroir

Anchored in tradition

Historically Chateau Moutinot was a property belonging to the Marcelis family who were passionate about viticulture and today it is managed by the Helfrich family.

... and the Saint Estèphe Terrroir

Château Moutinot is located in Saint Estèphe in the North of the Medoc peninsula mid-way between the Pointe de Grave and Bordeaux. The appellations of Pauillac and Saint Estèphe are separated just by a stream. At this point the Gironde Estuary is one of the widest in Europe. The wind which is good for the vines blows a special salty air. In spring and in summer, sunlight shines between the vines and warms up the gravel and pebbly soil know as 'graves.'

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Merlot as the signature grape

The grapes are harvested at full ripeness and the wine is aged in vat to allow the fruit and the grape matter to express itself fully. The special characteristic of Chateau Moutinot is the large proportion of Merlot in the blend. Although it is not the dominant grape variety it is nevertheless much more present than in the majority of other Saint Estèphe wines.

Our commitment: to respect the terroir

The property, keen to respect the environment, has committed itself to the **HVE (High Environmental Value) level 3 initiative.**

Surface area 6 hectares

Average age of the vines 26 years

Average yield 50 hectolitres per hectare

Soil structure clay-limestone, clay-gravel, clay-sand

Average vine density 10 000 vines per hectare

Grape varieties

48% Cabernet Sauvignon,34% Merlot,18% Cabernet Franc

The geology of the Saint Estephe appellation is particularly different to its neighbouring appellations. Firstly, **the average altitude is higher**, with slopes which enable rainfall to drain and limestone sub-soils which bring water back up through capillarity during periods of drought. Two ledges in the shape of a half-moon from South to East, facing the Gironde River, emphasise once again the originality of this vineyard area. **The presence of clay in Saint Estephe marks a real difference with the other terroirs.** It has meant that exceptional wines could be made in very dry years.

The Saint Estèphe style of architecture in the village and in the properties adds a mineral touch which delicately punctuates the range of greens in the vineyards.

It is in this special landscape that Chateau Moutinot is located, at the heart of a vineyard area which includes five classified growths and four 'crus bourgeois exceptionnels'.



Chateau Moutinot produces an elegant wine which combines fruitiness and delicacy.



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