

CHÂTEAU ROBIN CASTILLON CÔTES DE BORDEAUX



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Château Robin is a very old estate, mentioned in the first issue of the Féret Guide in 1874. It is situated 10 minutes by road east of the village of Saint Emilion. The soil in the vineyards is limestone and clay on east/southeast facing slopes. The planted area is 30 acres. The vines are an average of 48 years old. The grapes are de-stemmed and lightly crushed with pumping-over 2 to 3 times a day. Fermented in temperature-controlled concrete tanks (from 3 to 6 weeks depending on the plot of land and grape variety). Then aged 12 months in oak barrels (60%) and concrete tanks (40%). Final blending is carefully carried out to obtain a perfect harmony between the fruity and woody qualities.

Jerome Caillé and his family moved from the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean to the rolling hills of the Cotes de Castillon, Bordeaux—among the most beautiful spots in France. The place seems a world away from the merchants' mecca of Bordeaux city, which is a scant hour to the west. Jerome and his family fell in love with Chateau Robin. They set about learning how to make wine, with a great deal of success. Their approach is similar to the small winemaking estates in the Loire and the hills of the Languedoc: A passionate dedication to terroir that produces wonderfully drinkable wine. As winemakers, they are more like the poets in the hills than the empire-builders to the west!

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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