

CHÂTEAU COUTELIN MERVILLE SAINT ESTÈPHE CRU BOURGEOIS



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The vineyard is in Saint-Estèphe, Bordeaux, France, on the mountaintop of the city. Some parcels are near Château Haut Marbuzet and Tour de Pez. The vineyard area is 62 acres and the soil is made up of clayey and calcareous slopes. The vines are 26 years old on average. The grapes are harvested by hand at full ripeness. Traditional winemaking methods. Fermentation in thermo regulated cement vats with long vatting (21 days). Aged from 12 to 18 months in oak barrels, of which 25% are new.

The estate has been under the ownership of the Estager family for over 100 years. In 1987 Bernard Estager gave up his career as an accountant in Paris to assume his inheritance—15 hectares of prime slopes at the highest point of St Estèphe. He is a very good winegrower who increasingly improves the wine. Sustainable practices are followed in the vineyard.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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