

ASTRAL DE CHÂTEAU PUYBARBE

AOP CÔTES DE BOURG

Bordeaux, France

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Gold Medal, Challenge International du Vin 2019 (2017)

Grapes: Merlot 88%, Cabernet Sauvignon 12%, with small percentages of Malbec and Cabernet Franc

Château Puybarbe is situated at the highest elevation of the Côtes de Bourg appellation looking over the Gironde estuary on the right bank of Bordeaux. The 41-hectare vineyard comprises predominantly Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon and is cultivated according to sustainable philosophies. Château Puybarbe uses no herbicides or chemical fertilizers and is HVE (High Environmental Value) certified since 2017. A modern winery was inaugurated for the year 2001's harvest. It integrates many technical advances, at the service of a traditional know-how respectful of the grapes and the wine, and with a clear objective to be one of the best producers in AOP "Côtes de Bourg"

Vineyards: The vineyards sit on a south-sloping, sun-drenched plateau on the highest point of the appellation. Vines are planted at 5,000 plants per hectare in calcareous-clay soils. Average age of vines is 29 years, oldest parcels 75 years. The vineyard is managed sustainably. Natural weeds between the rows absorb excess moisture and promote microbial life in the soil. The vines are pruned to the double Guyot method, cultivated according to sustainable viticulture practices and with a strict control of yields (33,6 HL per hectare) on a plot by plot basis.

Winemaking: Meticulously selected grapes entered first a 5-day cold maceration, followed by temperature-controlled fermentation to retain the purity of fruit, elegance and freshness. Long and gentle 60-day extraction, parcel by parcel vinification, racking three times and aging for 12 months prior bottling and additional aging for 12 months in bottles.

Tasting Notes: Ripe bramble and cassis on the nose combined with some mint as well as vanillin and spice from the oak-aging. Delicious full-bodied wine with abundant fruit and soft acidity