



CHÂTEAU

Capet-Guillier
SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU

Château Capet-Guillier, `Château Tour de Capet` Saint-Émilion Grand Cru 2012

PRODUCER

Chateau Capet-Guillier is a Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, from a small estate lying to the south of the town of Saint-Emilion, close to the village of Saint-Hippolyte. The estate was founded in 1902 and for many years was owned by Antoine Moueix. Today, the estate belongs to the Jeanjean family (co-owners of Domaine Laroche, in Chablis). Stephane Derenoncourt leads the winemaking team, making an excellent wine from the estate's three hectares of vines.

VINEYARDS

The twelve hectares of vines lie slightly lower down the slope from the Capet-Guillier vineyard. Soils here contain more clay and silt and thus are slightly more fertile, which results in an open, more forward style of wine. Crop thinning in the spring and leaf plucking in the summer ensures the fruit ripens evenly. Yields from the 30 year old vines are 45 hectolitres per hectare.

VINTAGE

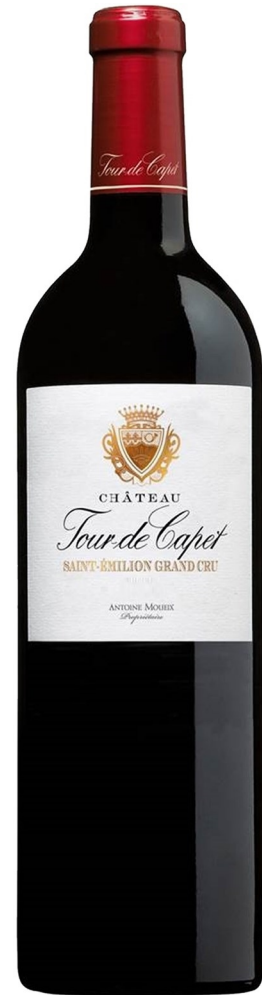
2012 was a very particular vintage in the Bordelais because of a very wet spring which could have led to disease. A warm and dry summer helped the vines to recover but heavy rains in September meant that conditions were poor for picking. Daily monitoring of each parcel and accurate tasting of berries was crucial before a final rigorous sorting at the winery, resulting in an outstanding quality harvest.

VINIFICATION

After gentle de-stemming, the berries were dropped uncrushed into concrete vats for the fermentation process. Temperature-controlled alcoholic fermentation took place for 17 days, followed by 20 days of maceration. Malolactic fermentation occurred from the beginning of November to the end of December. The wine aged for 10 months, 30% in concrete vats, 15% in new French oak barrels (medium toast) and 55% in barrels of one and two years old.

TASTING NOTES

Intense, clear purple-red in colour, this wine offers cherry perfumes and hints of toast. On the palate it is full in body, with soft, balanced tannins and juicy red fruit on the finish.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2012
Region	Saint-Émilion, Bordeaux
Grape Varieties	80% Merlot 10% Cabernet Franc 10% Cabernet Sauvignon
Winemaker	Benoit Coq
Classification	AOC
Features	Vegan
Closure	Twintop
ABV	13%
Acidity	3g/L
Wine pH	3.79
Bottle Sizes	75cl