

Chateau le Gardera 2017



Region

Bordeaux Superieur is an appellation which covers the whole of the Bordeaux region, from Verdon-sur-Mer at the north-western tip of the Medoc to Sainte-Foy, 80 miles (130km) to the east. Rather than being a sub-category of the generic Bordeaux appellation, Bordeaux Superieur is a title in its own right, specifically covering both red and white wines. The reds have a slightly higher alcoholic content than standard Bordeaux, are aged for longer in oak barrels (12 months minimum) and are produced from older vines. The whites are distinguished from standard white Bordeaux by their higher residual sugar levels, which make the wines anything from semi-sweet to liqueux. Bordeaux Superieur wines are produced from the classic Bordelais grape varieties. The reds are made from Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Carmenere, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot (proportions vary according to vineyard locations), and generally tend to be a little richer and more complex than regular Bordeaux. They also, theoretically, offer better ageing potential, but this can be down to the winemaking. The whites are produced from Sauvignon Blanc, Sauvignon Gris, Semillon and Muscadelle. They also tend to be a little more complex, due to the slightly lower maximum yields dictated by the Superieur production conditions. About a quarter of the vineyard coverage dedicated to AOC Bordeaux wine production is given over to Bordeaux Superieur. It is spread across the region, with a bias towards the areas north of Saint-Emilion and Pomerol where more location-specific

Producer

This super property is situated on the slopes below Chateau Tanesse, to the south of St Emilion, overlooking the River Dordogne. The actual chateau was donated by the Cordier family to become a children's home, however the vineyards remain in their own right and the wine is made at Chateau Tanesse.

Tasting Notes

This fantastic property is among the best of the appellation, producing firm, rich wine from 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon. Busting full of ripe berry fruits with generous tannins, balanced acidity and a subtle toast and sweet spice character from 12 months ageing in French barrels. The vineyards have Haute Valeur certification which means that sustainable farming methods are applied to the entire vineyard.

Technical Information

Country	France
Region	Bordeaux Superieur
Grape(s)	Merlot (60%) Cabernet Sauvignon (40%)
Type	Red
Style	Smooth
Oaked Style	Lightly oaked
Body Style	Medium bodied

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry
Alcohol Content	13.5%
Closure Style	Cork
Organic/Biodynamic	No
Allergens	Milk: No
	Egg: No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: No
	Vegan: No



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