



FRANÇOIS THIENPONT

CHÂTEAU MANOIR DU GRAVOUX

CASTILLON - CÔTES DE BORDEAUX

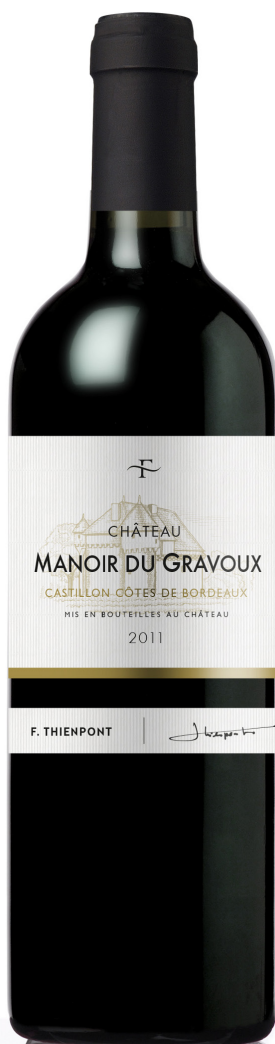
FICHE TECHNIQUE

The Manoir is an old medieval chateau, built during the “Hundred Years’ War” under reign of King Charles VII, to protect French people from the English enemies and is located on the top of a dale.

Put together, the various parcels of this small valley make up the whole vineyard. The vines are classified according to their age and their degree of exposure to the sun.

The combination of our rigorous work in the vineyard and ideal natural conditions (clay-limestone soils, south-exposed slopes, natural draining), enables the grapes to reach perfect maturity. The berries are picked according to each parcel’s stage of maturation and a highly precise vinification can then be undertaken.

Our job in the winery is based on accurate extractions, in order to obtain a very fine wine, with a great fruit character and elegant tannins.



Location : Castillon - Côtes de Bordeaux

A.O.C. : Côtes de Castillon

Production : 65 000 Bottles

Surface : 18.82 ha

Yields : 47HI / ha

Geology : Clay-limestone plateau

Planted grape varieties : 88% Merlot - 12% Cabernet Franc

Average age of vineyard : 25 years

Pruning : Simple guyot, restructuring into double guyot

Vineyard protection : Reasoned - treatments are positioned according to vegetative stage and dosed according to the pressure of diseases

Harvests starting decision-making : Parcel analysis through tasting

Harvesting : Machine

Operations on crop : Berry sorting table, then total destemming of grapes

Vats : Stainless steel

Vinification : Parcel-based, smooth extraction through fractionated pumping-overs + 1 délestage (gentle deconstructing of the cap of solids)

Maceration : 20 days

Fermentation temperature : 28-30°C

Press wine operations : Separate ageing in vats

Malolactic fermentation : In vats

Maturing : 14 months

Ageing process : In vats - micro-oxygenation on fine lees

Filtration : Loose filtration to respect the structure of the wine

Bottling : Château



Tasting note :

Dark, purple ruby in color.

With a beautiful perfumed bouquet of red fruits, delicate spicy notes bring additional charm.

This wine is full and aromatic on the palate. The structure is well balanced with silky tannins with a very long and fresh finish.