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# Château Pillebois

# Vieilles Vignes



VINTAGE

2014

**REGION** 

Bordeaux

**APPELLATION** 

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

**VARIETAL** 

90% Merlot

10% Cabernet Sauvignon

**ALCOHOL** 

13%

**TERROIR** 

Sandy, gravelly

INFO

12 Ha (28.92 Acres) total vineyard & 4 Ha (9.64 Acres) devoted to Vieilles Vignes

40 year old vines and older

12 months aging in French oak barrels renewed by 1/3

Unfined / Filtered

**Sustainable Agriculture Practices** 

#### About the Estate:

Owned by Vignobles Marcel PETIT since 1986 and now managed by Jean Pierre TOXE from the fantastic Château FRANC-LARTIGUE Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Château PILLEBOIS Castillon Cotes de Bordeaux is planted on 12 hectares (29.64 acres) of great clayey, sandy and gravely slopes with some iron, in Belves de Castillon, immediate neighborhood of the prestigious Saint-Emilion terroir.

The entire lot of parcels are organically fertilized ensuring a respect of the plants and land. All treatments done on the vines and grapes are followed by an agricultural engineer.

To produce this predominant Merlot Vieilles Vignes Cuvée, the full vineyard is subject to green covering, leaves' pruning and green harvesting, in order to reach the best ripeness and natural low yields. Harvested at the best maturity, the grapes are hand sorted before and after being 100% de-stemmed. After a pre-cold maceration - to slowly extract color and fruit from the skins - the wine undergoes a traditional vinification process in thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks and is then aged 12 months in French oak barrels renewed by 1/3, lightly finned with egg whites, if necessary.

Over the last few years, following constant cultural, and harvesting improvements and intense attention in vinification process, Château PILLEBOIS Vieilles Vignes Castillon Cotes de Bordeaux keeps getting better ratings every year, such has being among the Revue des Vins de France Top 5 Wines with the 2010 Vintage.

## **Tasting Notes:**

Soon to come.

### **Press Review:**

« This is a ripe and perfumed wine from Vignobles Marcel Petit. It has good aging potential—full of tannins and also of bold black fruits. Structure and fruitiness are a good sign. » - RV, Wine Enthusiast, Dec 1, 2016

« Promising nose, with notes of tobacco, black truffle... Plenty of ambition on display, liquorice and black cherry takes you through the finish. » - Recommended, Decanter, 2015