

BATEAU ROUGE



VINTAGE	2016
REGION	Bordeaux
APPELLATION	Cotes de Bourg
VARIETAL	72% Merlot 16% Malbec 12% Cabernet Franc
ALCOHOL	13.5%
TERROIR	Limestone clay
INFO	6 Ha (14.83 Acres) total vineyard. 1.90 Ha. (4.70 acres) devoted to "Le Bateau Rouge", from 3 plots Harvesting: Sept. 29th & Oct. 10th 2016 Pre-cold maceration. Vinification & aging in thermo-controlled concrete tanks Unfined / Filtered

Farm certified **HVE 3** from 2019. & Certified Organic from 2022 Vintage

About the Estate:

"Gilles has two passions in life, wine and boats!" says Marie-Helene MARSAUDON. Living life to the fullest, she and her husband Gilles acquired the estate & vineyards in 2002, a leap of faith that was the turning point of their adventure.

"Le Bateau Rouge" is Gilles' red boat, which waits for him at the dock of a small village port on the Gironde estuary where the sea spray calls on the summer breeze.

Right where the Dordogne and Garonne rivers meet to form the Gironde, they felt in love for 15 acres of vineyards in the **Cotes de Bourg**, across the water from Margaux. Laying on slopes with a gentle South / South-West exposure, a terroir of beautiful green clay and asteriated limestone. But first they had to renovate the cellar and bring the vines back to health since the vines, building, cellar and equipment were in disrepair. Marie-Helene and Gilles started organic conversion in 2019, and the estate will be **Organic Certified from 2022**.

The time and investment paid off, and we are fully charmed by Gilles and Marie-Helene's passion, and the terroir expression from their delicious **Cotes de Bourg!**

Franck worked with Gilles and Marie-Helene to put together this remarkably delicious blend from three separate plots. No other appellation would offer this combination of easy-drinking charm, soft and rich texture and silky tannins, at this value. In other words, this is the wine to share with friends, around a nice meal, or on a boat if we should be so lucky!

Tasting Notes: SILKY - BLACKCURRANTS - LEATHER

Extremely charming & so appealing nose; bright & fresh, serious & soft, rich & fruity. Delicious, fresh, juicy & sappy palate on red & dark fruits, pure ripe Merlot notes, perfect structure, balance & tasty length, on silky tannins.

Press Review: "... this wine has bold, juicy blackberry fruits. The ripe texture brings juiciness & tannins that have developed & integrated. The wine is rich and ready to drink." **90 Points *Best Buy*** Roger Voss, **Wine Enthusiast**

"It has a solid nose of ripe black cherries, cedar pencil, leafy herbs & flowers. This carries to a medium-bodied red offering beautiful overall balance, the vintage's focus, classic elegance, fine tannins & a great finish. Its' drinking beautifully today." **Jeb Dunnuck** 89 Pts