

## Château Haut-Bourcier



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>REGION</b>	<b>Bordeaux</b>
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>Blaye Cotes de Bordeaux</b>
<b>VARIETAL</b>	80% Merlot 10% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Petit Verdot 5% Malbec
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.5%
<b>TERROIR</b>	Limestone clay slope
<b>INFO</b>	50 Ha (123.55 Acres) total vineyard, and 10 Ha (24.71 acres) devoted to Haut-Bourcier Futs de Chene.  15 year old vines on average  Vinification in thermo-controlled stainless-steel tanks, micro-oxygenation & 12 months aging in French oak barrels renewed by 25%

Farm certified **HVE 3** - High Environmental Value from 2020

### About the Estate:

Located in Saint-Androny - earth of the Blaye Cotes de Bordeaux Appellation (north of Bordeaux and right bank of the Gironde river - Chateau HAUT-BOURCIER is a rather recent family estate, run since 1999 by Philippe & Anne Marie Bourcier with their three children. Laurent & Thomas involved in vinification and daughter Caroline taking care of the communication and sales.

Important investments have been made since 1999: re-organization of the vineyard, re-planting, leaf thinning, green harvesting when necessary, and yearly experiences in trying & considering new varieties and barrels; suppliers. The 50 Hectares' (123.55 acres) vineyard is distributed within 3 areas with multiple plots touching each other; 2 in Saint-Androny (largest commune of the Appellation) and 1 in Anglade, all on limestone clay slope.

More to come.

As usual, Franck has been a real "pain" with the Bourcier family before taking the decision of selecting. Tasting again and again Chateau HAUT-BOURCIER at different time of the year during ageing, and once bottled. But fully confirmed Coup de Coeur for this estate to keep an eye on. Generous & attractive Blaye Cotes de Bordeaux, with deepness and structure much closer to the wines of the opposite bank neighbors, and the perfect and distinctive aromatic complexity from the Petit Verdot and Malbec.

### Tasting Notes:

"Nice deep ruby color with crimson hints. The developed and complex nose reveals dark berry, crème de cassis & jammy strawberry aromas, joined by a hint of vanilla & toast. The palate is unctuous & tasty, with silky tannic structure, followed by a jammy red berry & vanilla finish." *Caroline Bourcier*

Immediately attractive & savory nose & palate, round & silky, still juicy, more present light spices notes. All this in elegance & balance. Irresistible from now, but still a few years ageing potential. (Dec. 2023)

### Press Review: 90 Pts Wine Enthusiast

"Spiced red & black plums, smoked tobacco, leather & chocolate nose all emerge from the 2018 Ch. Haut-Bourcier, a ripe, concentrated, medium to full-bodied Blaye that has solid mid-palate depth, plenty of tannins, and outstanding length. It shows the ripe style of the vintage yet holds everything together nicely & offers ample pleasure." **Jeb Dunnock 90 Pts**