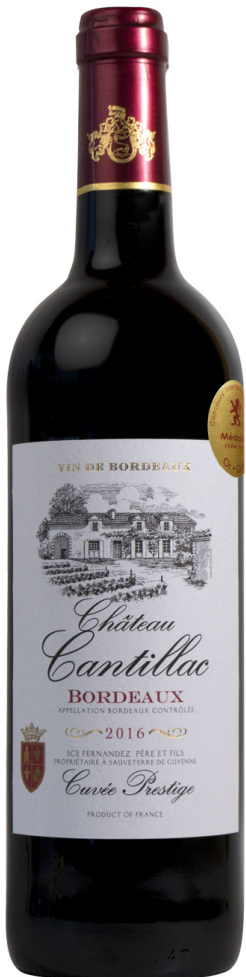


# CHATEAU CANTILLAC - CUVÉE PRESTIGE

## AOC Bordeaux Red



**OWNER/COMMUNE** SCE FERNANDEZ Père & Fils / Sauveterre de Guyenne

### BACKGROUND

Situated in the village of Sauveterre de Guyenne at the heart of the Entre-Deux-Mers wine region, Château Cantillac has belonged to the Fernandez family since 1956. After long years of research, varietal selection and sheer hard work, its proprietor, Roger Fernandez, raised the quality to levels of excellence. This know-how has been continued by his grandson Jean with the same respect for tradition and work well done and the desire to offer a quality product.

**SURFACE** 42 ha

**AVERAGE AGE OF VINES** 25 years

**GRAPE VARIETIES** 100% Merlot

### TERROIR

Calcareous slopes

### WINEMAKING/MATURING

Work in the vineyard starts in the late autumn, with winter pruning. The method used is the traditional "mixed Guyot" system. Leaf-culling is concentrated around the grapes to allow them to attain optimum maturity and benefit fully from the sunshine. All the viticultural work is aimed at controlling yields and producing quality grapes. The harvest in, they focus their efforts on the winemaking, using traditional methods while also incorporating modern oenological know-how. The ageing process, which takes place in temperature-controlled vats, is carefully and thoroughly monitored. In close collaboration with their oenologist, they select the best blend from all the vats to obtain the best-balanced, most harmonious wine.

**VINTAGE 2016**

**Alc: 13.5%**

### TASTING NOTES

A deep purple Merlot displaying intense blackcurrant and blackberry notes first of all, complemented by hints of spice and vanilla. The same aromas, highlighted by fresh menthol notes, are apparent in rich, dense extract lining a well-structured palate with powerful tannins just waiting to mature. An excellently crafted wine despite this great vintage, the fruit of untiring, uncompromising labour which has enabled the typical characteristics of Merlot and the high quality of the terroir to be expressed.

### AGEING

Ready for drinking from 2019 – or in three years' time for a different tasting experience.

### Blend

100% Merlot

### BOTTLING

Bottled for Maison Sichel