



Chateau Virecourt Pillebourse NV

TASTING NOTES

The fragrance of the stones and red fruit do not deceive. They are blended with the spicy notes of the Cabernet Franc. The opulent mouth has a nice, long finish and excellent balance.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Production area/appellation:	Bordeaux Superieur
Vineyard name:	Bordeaux Superieur
Vineyard size:	16 acres
Soil composition:	Clay, sand
Vines/acre:	2,024 - 2,429
Yield/acre:	1.6 - 2 tons
Year vineyard planted:	1990
First vintage of this wine:	1985
Bottles produced of this wine:	24000

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel, cement tanks
Length of alcoholic fermentation:	5 - 8 days
Fermentation temperature:	77 °F
Length of maceration:	12 - 18 days days
Malolactic fermentation:	Yes
Type of aging container:	Oak barrels
Size of aging container:	225
Age of aging container:	20% new, balance 3 years
Type of oak:	American
Length of aging before bottling:	8 - 12 months

PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Xavier Chassagnoux
Winemaker: Xavier Chassagnoux
Total acreage under vine: 16
Estate founded: 1979
Winery production: 24,000 Bottles
Region: Bordeaux
Country: France

