



## 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