



# Le Temple de Tourteyron

## An History

The Domain Le Temple de Tourteyron is run by Jean-Pierre, Mélissa and Loïc, 3rd and 4th generations of the Bergey Family, which traces it's ancestry back to the Knights of the Order of the Temple.

Indeed, the Domaine's name, which can be found on wine bottles dating as early as 1900, comes from the members of the religious and military order known as l'Ordre des Templiers who greeted and aided pilgrims following the Way of St James.

The over part of the Domaine's name, « Tourteyron » stems from an old French dialect and means *tourterelle* or "turtledove". A few of these migrating birds (presently a protected species in the Médoc) used to find annual shelter on the family's land.

The Domaine's history continues to grow and evolve. Today, the vineyard is comprised of 80 hectares of land (grapevines, meadow and forested land) of which 24 hectares hold the AOC Médoc quality distinction. In addition, the land is also home to herd of Charolais cows.

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<i>Area under vines</i>	23 ha 73 a 99 ca		
<i>Grape varieties</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon (50 %), Merlot (48 %), Petit Verdot (2 %)		
<i>Density of plantation</i>	5500 vines/hectare (80 %) and 6500 vines/hectare (20 %)		
<i>Average age of the vines</i>	15 years		
<i>Terroir</i>	A deep gravel terroir with 6 hectares of clayey subsoil		
<i>Cropping practices</i>	« Medoc » pruning, grassing, thermic thinning out the leaves, large area of foliage exposed to the light (0.8), improvement by bovine manure, reasoned protection of the vines.		
<i>Harvest</i>	Mechanical harvesting, reasoning and logic of picking plot by plot with analysis and tasting, transfers by gravity, successive manual sorting of the grapes on tables (6 persons)		
<i>Cellar facilities</i>	Temperature controlled, stainless steel vats		
<i>Vinification</i>	An average of 41 vinification days, Préfermentation macération (an average of 14 days), An average of 11 releases (« délestage ») per vat Selected yeast., inoculation with lactic bacteria Cold stabilization.		
<i>Ageing</i>	12 months in oak barrels		
<i>Traceability</i>	Systematic recording of all operations in the vineyard, in the cellars, in the packaging-room and to dispatching.		
<i>Yield</i>	55 hectolitres/hectare		
<i>Production</i>	150 000 bottles		
<i>Wines</i>	Château de Tourteyron	AOC Médoc	Rouge
	Le Temple de Tourteyron	AOC Médoc	Rouge
	Céleste	AOC Médoc	Rouge
	Trésor	VDT	Rosé



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