



Véronique Barthe
Owner & Winemaker

CHATEAU LA FREYNELLE PETIT VERDOT 2020 AOP Bordeaux Rouge

— Background —

Château La Freynelle is a 75 hectare estate in the village of Daignac, in the heart of the Entre-Deux-Mers region of Bordeaux. In 1789, Jean Barthe settled in the Entre-Deux-Mers region of Bordeaux and planted his first vines. For seven generations, Chateau La Freynelle was passed on from father to son. In 1992, Véronique Barthe, the first daughter born into the family since the French Revolution, inherited the family domain. Only 22 years old when she took over management of the estate, Véronique has used her personal feminine touch and vast expertise acquired during the past 26 years to perfect Chateau La Freynelle. Today, Chateau La Freynelle is one of the top and highly acclaimed award winning estates from Entre-Deux-Mers.

— Viticulture —

- 6 hectares for production of this Petit Verdot
- Limestone soils.
- Density of 4,500 vines per hectare.
- Average age of vines is 10 years.
- Yield is 55 hectoliters per hectare.
- **100% Petit Verdot**
- Average production : 1500 cases
- Sustainable agricultural farming. Tillage. Grass growing between the rows. Pest management in minimal doses. Single Guyot pruning.

— Winemaking —

- Mechanical harvest of grapes at optimum aromatic maturity.
- The grapes are crushed and de-stemmed prior to fermentation.
- Fermentation in thermoregulated stainless steel vats at 25°C.
- Total maceration period of 15-25 days, depending on the vintage, parcel, and vat. Tasting is the only judge.
- The wine is aged in oak for 12 months.
- Regular racking of the wine to ensure the oxygenation necessary for integration of the wood and wine tannins



90 Points.

A rare example of 100% Petit Verdot shows a fine example of how this grape now ripens more easily in an era of climate change. It is rich, seriously structured, balancing black fruits and juiciness. The wine is complex and rich.



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Floral and perfumed nose of violets, dried roses, raspberries, chocolate and dark cherries. Full-bodied, with muscular yet polished tannins.