



Véronique Barthe
Owner & Winemaker

CHATEAU LA FREYNELLE 2019 AOC 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.

La Freynelle's wines have a finesse and quality that arguably surpasses its neighbor Chateau Bonnet, owned by the Lurton Family. It is today one of the top 5 Bordeaux wines produced in the Entre-Deux-Mers regions in its price category. Aquitaine Wine launched La Freynelle in the USA market in 2000, and it is now available in 47 states of the USA.

— Viticulture —

- 55 hectares for production of this red blend.
- Clay-limestone soils.
- Planted with 64% Merlot & 27% Cabernet Sauvignon and 9% Petit Verdot.
- Density of 4,000 vines per hectare.
- Average age of vines is 20 years.
- Yield is 55 hectoliters per hectare.
- Single Guyot pruning.
- Debudding and leaf thinning; green harvest when necessary.

— Winemaking —

- Grapes harvested at full maturity and destemmed.
- Vinification by parcel.
- Grapes lightly crushed and then fermented at 25°C in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks.
- Maceration for 15-25 days depending on the parcel and vintage. The must is pumped over the cap twice daily.
- Aged one year in stainless steel tanks with regular rackings to remove sediments, soften tannins, and enhance aromatic qualities.
- 30,000 cases produced annually.
- **Blend: 60% Merlot & 40% Cabernet Sauvignon.**

— Tasting Notes —

Ripe and fresh nose of berries and red fruits, notes of cherry and raspberry, bright. Fresh and suave on the palate, all in fruit with greedy, satiny tannins and a long and tasty finish. Beautiful vintage for a simple and straightforward, refined and classic Bordeaux.

