

# CHÂTEAU ROUQUETTE





## LA TOUR AUX PALOMBES 2014

**CHÂTEAU ROUQUETTE** || Château Rouquette is one of the oldest vineyards in the Entre-Deux-Mers region. Nestled on the highlands of the Gironde, the castle was built in 1346. During the Hundred Years War, the castle was destroyed in the siege of the city of Pellegrue - rebuilt in the 17th century. At that time, the estate was one of the largest in the region, covering over 1000 hectares. Over time and successions, it has been reduced considerably, however it has kept its wine tradition and authenticity. Nowadays, the vineyard extends over 42 hectares, situated on the hillsides between meadowlands and oak-wood forests.

#### AOP BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR - ENTRE-DEUX-MERS ||

Located on Bordeaux' Lower East Side and situated between the Dordogne and the Garonne (hence the name "between two seas"), Entre-Deux-Mers is known for both white and red wines, though is traditionally and more commonly known for whites (only whites hold the Entre-Deux-Mers designation - reds are classified Bordeaux Supérieur). In the 1970's, many vine growers converted their white wine vineyards to Merlot and Cabernet and today, the majority of red Bordeaux AC wines are from here, just 18 kilometers from Saint-Emilion.

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BLEND | 70% Merlot & 30% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARDS | From southeast oriented vineyards - high density plating at 5000 vines/ hectare. Calcaire (clay) soils which are farmed organically with some biodynamic practices. Vines are approximately 30 years old.

WINEMAKING | Aged 18 months in stainless steel - a few barrels of Cru Mérigot are blended before bottling (10%).

TASTING NOTES | Smooth, dark aromas of blackberry and bramble with some cedar and wet clay notes. Beautiful fruit notes of plum and black cherry, with a cola-like nuance and a touch of spice grace the luscious, silky palate. This wine possesses well-integrated tannins that are soft, but still noticeably grippy.

### FRANCE | BORDEAUX