



## CHATEAU DE FONTENILLE

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### PRODUCER

Vines have been grown at Fontenille since the 13th century and a pilgrimage route, protected by UNESCO, runs through the vineyards to the neighbouring Abbaye de la Sauve Majeure, whose monks tended the vines for hundreds of years. Stéphane Defraine bought the property in 1989 and has gradually renovated the buildings and replanted and extended the vineyards. He now owns 42 hectares, of which 12 hectares are white wine varieties and 30 are red. The wines represent excellent value, with considerably more weight, interest and purity of fruit than other examples at this price.

### VINEYARDS

The gravel/clay, free-draining soils of the Fontenille vineyards and the high winds that keep the grapes healthy contribute to some of the purest wines that Bordeaux can produce. The vineyards are situated at an altitude of 110 metres above sea level in the Entre-Deux-Mers region between the Garonne and Dordogne rivers.

### VINTAGE INFORMATION

The 2012 vintage was a growers' one. Permanent follow-up and rigorous work in the vineyard allowed for a harvest of very good quality grapes. Harvest dates were chosen according to grape tastings in order to check maturity of the grapes. Merlot was picked in mid-October. A gourmet, fruity and silky vintage.

### VINIFICATION

The grapes were destemmed and crushed before undergoing fermentation at 25°C in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. The varieties were vinified separately and 50% was aged in French oak barrels for 18 months, one third of which were new. The other 50% aged in vats. The wine was then blended and bottled.

### TASTING NOTES

A smooth ruby colour. Elegant and round on the palate with lingering berry fruit. Well structured and full bodied, this wine perfectly represents the great character and authentic personality of the great red Bordeaux.



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<b>Vintage</b>	2012
<b>Grape varieties</b>	80% Merlot 20% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Region</b>	Bordeaux, France
<b>Winemaker</b>	Stéphane Defraine
<b>Closure</b>	Natural Cork
<b>Classification</b>	AOC
<b>Alcohol (ABV)</b>	13.5%