



## CHÂTEAU BOUTISSE

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### ESTATE

Purchased in 1996, the Milhade family has invested enormously in the vineyards and facilities at Bousse and, above all, with their energy. Today Boutisse is no longer a surprise - dynamic young winemaker Marc Milhade has transformed this estate into an outstanding Saint-Émilion, with ripe, structured and engaging character.

### WINE

Château Boutisse is a powerful wine, with a nose of black fruits and spices such as cinnamon, cloves, star anise and nutmeg. On the palate the wine is full-bodied but velvety, with elegant tannins and great length. As with most Right Bank Bordeaux, Boutisse can be approached young, but all vintages will repay cellaring, with the great ones (2010, 2015, 2016) practically demanding 10 years' aging.

### VINEYARD

*Soils:* The vineyard is situated on the same pure limestone series as the plateau of Saint-Émilion, overlain by several feet of clay-loam soils, a combination which produces powerful wines with great aromatic complexity and finesse. Boutisse's vineyard acreage is relatively large for St-Émilion at 57 acres, planted largely with Merlot (88%) and the remainder Cabernet Sauvignon (11%) and Cabernet Franc (1%).

*Grape Varieties:* 88% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Cabernet Franc

### WINEMAKING

*Fermentation:* After hand-harvesting and sorting, the grapes are gravity fed to small, temperature controlled stainless steel vats that are squat, in order to optimize cap to juice ratio and improve extraction. A part of the harvest is also fermented directly in 500 liter barrels. Natural yeasts trigger a prolonged fermentation, followed by a three week maceration for extraction of color, fruit and tannin. Malolactic fermentation takes place in new oak barrels, better integrating the oak component. Fining is done with egg whites and racking is done every 3 months.

*Aging:* 15-18 months in 40% new barriques from a variety of coopers.

### VINTAGE

2015 was as close to a perfect vintage as one could envision in Bordeaux, with even temperatures and timely rainfall. All regions excelled, producing rich wines with ripe tannins and healthy acidities. At Château Boutisse, the Milhades succeeded in producing an exceptional Grand Vin, with great ripeness, super balance, and excellent length.



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### VINOUS MEDIA

"The 2015 Boutisse is terrific. Deep, dark and pliant, it exudes class from the very first taste. Black cherry, espresso, chocolate and licorice are some of the many notes that flesh out in this powerful, ample Saint-Émilion. The 2015 is extroverted and also very beautiful in every way."