



CHÂTEAU DE
Tiregand

PÉCHARMANT

BERGERAC • DORDOGNE

Héritiers Comtesse F. de Saint-Exupéry

In the heart of Pécharmant on south-facing hills just a few kilometers east of Bergerac, Château de Tiregand produces rich, full red wines from Bordelais stalwarts Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Malbec. These wines are generous in fruit and have the structure to stand up to even intense foods, and they have the concentration, tannins, and complexity to improve in cellar.

Pécharmant won AOC status in 1992, but the **Saint-Exupéry** family has been making wine at Château de Tiregand for **over 300 years**; some of the buildings used to age these wines date back to the 14th century. The beautiful residence was formerly a lordly manor and looks out over the Dordogne's right bank from the slopes up-river from Bergerac. Founded in the 13th century by a natural son of England's King Edward III and now 1130 acres of mostly woodlands, the Château de Tiregand estate includes 35 hectares of vines averaging 21 years of age.

Related to beloved "Little Prince" author Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, François-Xavier de Saint-Exupéry intently manages this estate. Merlot (54%), Cabernet Sauvignon (23%), Cabernet Franc (18%), and Malbec vines are densely planted at least 4000 vines/ha in Périgord soils of sand and gravel with sub-soils of clay with ferro-manganese deposits. François-Xavier uses short pruning, debudding, a "green" harvest, and leaf-thinning to depress yields to 42 hl/ha, while applying *rational agriculture* to optimize the health of the vineyard and the larger environment.

Grapes are harvested manually and vinification is carried out in open vats, with punching of the cap and careful temperature control; subsequent 25-day maceration "on crust" before transfer into oak for malolactic; stirred lees in early months, and aged 12-18 months in oak, half new and lightly toasted with half the barrels used only once. These wines continue to develop positively in cellar over the near term, generally hitting optimal stride 5-8 years after release.

Continuing the estate's long history of critical acclaim, Château de Tiregand won **Gold Medals** in at both Concours Général Agricole of Paris and Challenge International du Vin for the 2011 Château de Tiregand and the 2011 Château de Tiregand Cuvée Grand Millésime!



CHÂTEAU DE TIREGAND *in bottles and magnums*

Gold Medal – *Concours de Gran Vins de France*

Gold – *Challenge International du Vin*

Silver Medal – *Concours de Bordeaux Vins d'Aquitaine*

*Wine Enthusiast on the 2009: **92 points** "A big and dense wine, with tannins that are well integrated into its core of solid black plum and cherry flavors, and a bitter chocolate note that comes from wood aging. With all of its concentration, this wine should age for five years."*

CHÂTEAU DE TIREGAND Cuvée Grand Millésime

Gold Medals – *Concours de Gran Vins de France, and Concours de Bordeaux Vins d'Aquitaine*

Gold – *Challenge International du Vin*

"In the eighteenth century, this imposing castle belonged to a President of the Parliament of Bordeaux. ... The Cuvée Grand Millésime, aged one month in vats and 18 months in oak casks, offers a fairly complex nose, shared equitably between the ripe fruits and the spicy oak, vanilla on the finish. The attack is round, supple, elegant and greedy; the tannins already appear to be softened." – L'avis du Guide Hachette des Vins on the 2011



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