

# ROC DE CAMBES

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Roc de Cambes is a great terroir, situated on the Southern Bank of Bourg-on-Gironde. In fact, it is a very similar terroir to Tertre Roteboeuf, except for its position near the estuary of the Gironde (the largest estuary in Europe!). The soil is of the same structure (clay and limestone), same Mediterranean micro-climate than the South of France but in a more Northern location, which allows a lot of opulence in the fruit... And freshness of the aromas.

One main difference in character: Tertre Roteboeuf is more under the influence of the inland (Saint Emilion dominates the valley of the Dordogne river), with more aggressive heat waves, hence a little more spice, more candied fruit. Roc de Cambes has a huge thermo-regulator from the water surface of the estuary, and is more characterized by red fruit and berries. Apart from that, the two wines are worked upon and brought together in exactly the same fashion, with exactly the same care.

These wines are very original and will show great diversity according to each vintage. We do not make a “second wine” or mark down any part of the selection.

Price-wise, of course, there is an interesting repercussion for the wine amateurs. The Appellation of Cotes de Bourg is not as well-known as Saint Emilion, although it used to be very famous in the distant past. On the other hand, I bought Roc de Cambes ten years later than I started working in Tertre, and its reputation is growing slowly but steadily. For value in today’s wines, let’s read an expert again...

*“As most consumers are already aware, prices of recent great Bordeaux vintages are at record levels for such young wines, but the real values are not found in the first-growths or many of the classified-growths, rather they are found in the wines I have written about in a separate article called “Bordeaux’s Big Little Wines.” These are some of the finest wine bargains of the world, and quality for unheralded, less prestigious terroirs continues to merit significant consumer support.”*

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