

# ROBIN

*Second Cru en 1874\**



## TECHNICAL INFORMATION 2018

- > VINEYARD: 80% Merlot, 10% Cabernets Francs, 5% Cabernets Sauvignon, 5% Malbec. Conversion to Organic Farming since 2020, Mechanical soil labour, no herbicides, Agro-Ecological Farming.
- > ALTITUDE: 90m at Belves de Castillon.
- > OWNERS: Familles Thienpont & Heymans.
- > WINEMAKERS: Jan & Florian Thienpont.
  
- > TERROIR: clay limestone, and, on some plots rock, iron grime and silex.
  
- > PRUNING: Guyot simple, Guyot double.
- > HARVEST: Hand picking with sorting at the plot and before vatting.
- > VINIFICATION: Natural. Small batch vinification in thermoregulated concrete vats, gentle extraction, Aging in French oak barrels for 12-18 months.
  
- > VINTAGE 2018 : 85% Merlot 10% Cabernet Franc 3% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Malbec. Alc:14% - PH 3,6.

In the heart of the appellation of Castillon, on one of the highest points of the village from Belves spreads the 14 hectares of the vineyards of Château Robin. This historical domain exists since 200 years. Seven parcels oriented south east in an amphitheater make up this vineyard on a clay-limestone soil with sometimes rock and iron grime and remain of silex.

In 2018 the cousin Thienpont-Heymans, buy the Cru Robin in a state of abandon. They took over the vines in a ecological farming approach while respecting the wildlife and biodiversity as a whole.

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**2018 is a beautiful vintage.** After a wet and warm spring, summer was hot. **The hand harvesting with strict sorting, took place from the 4th to 7th October in the sunshine.** The grapes at full maturity, the very low yields provide **rich and tasty juices.**

The blending is done at the beginning of the fermentations with **a large proportion of Merlot** which bring **the fruit and smoothness**, the Cabernet and Malbec complete the balance by bringing **finesse and complexity.** After ageing in French oak barrels, the bottling is done on 6th May.

You can taste the first bottles from 2021 then keep them for at least fifteen years.