



## Château Vircoulon

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**The main trait of your nature?**

I am persistent

**The occupation you prefer?**

I like horse riding

**The quality you most appreciate in friends?**

Honesty

**What do you like about wine?**

Complexity

Château Vircoulon has been a family estate for 5 generations since Pierre Bedey purchased it at the end of the 1800s. Later in the 1980s, Patrick Hospital, the 4th generation, specialized the estate to winegrowing, made his first vinification, when grapes were brought to the cooperative cellar so far, and reorganized the vineyard.

As for me, the passion of winegrowing - grapes - comes from my childhood! After my apprenticeship, it got stronger as I met people in love with this job. Meeting the 5th generation, my companion Caroline Hospital, led me to Château Vircoulon. Together, we develop the farm by working to our best to keep that legacy going and for the customers' pleasure.



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### BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR

**Village:** Saint-Avit-de-Soulège

**Total winegrowing area:** 28 hectares

**Terroir:** Soils of clay, loamy and sand and clay-limestone – 70-90-meter high – North/South and East/West sun exposure - 30-year-old vines

**Winemaking and ageing:** Mechanical harvest at the end of September. Winemaking and ageing without added sulphite. Oxygen-less work throughout fermentations and ageing. If needed, added oxygen as homeopathy. Fermentation lasts 3 weeks with daily pumping-over then malolactic fermentation and ageing in vat. CO2 produced during fermentation is maintained at most. Then, it will be decreased right before bottling.

**Blend:** 40% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 10% Malbec

**Tasting comments:** Deep color. Open and powerful nose of ripe fruit scent. Fleshy palate, with fine and strong tannins, juicy red fruit aromas with sappy wooden notes. A balanced wine.

**Food and wine pairings:** Matured red meat, grilled or with spicy juice

