Bordeaux Rouge 2016

WINE DESCRIPTION
The vines of Château de Fontenille have flourished on gravel terroirs bathed in generous sun since the 13th century. Hidden among the vineyards was a pilgrimage route to the neighboring Benedictine monastery, Abbaye de la Sauve Majeure, whose monks tended to the vines for hundreds of years. With nearly 80 acres dedicated to Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon, the history of this site is alive in the gravel and clay dominated soils that contribute to the complexity of the Château de Fontenille Bordeaux Rouge. Composed of mostly Merlot, this wine is elegant, harmonious and the perfect value to share with friends.

TASTING NOTES
A very pleasant ruby color, Château de Fontenille Bordeaux Rouge is elegant and round on the palate with a fine, lingering finish. Well structured and full bodied, this wine represents the character and the authentic personality of the great red Bordeaux.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO
- Soil composition: Clay, Sand, and Gravel
- Training method: Double-Guyot
- Elevation: 380 feet
- Vines/acre: 2,000
- Yield/acre: 2.6 tons
- Year vineyard planted: 1524

WINEMAKING & AGING
- Varietal composition: 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Fermentation container: Stainless steel tanks
- Fining agent: None
- Type of aging container: 50% used barriques, 50% stainless steel tanks
- Length of aging before bottling: 1 year

ANALYTICAL DATA
- Alcohol: 13.8%
- pH level: 3.6
- Residual sugar: 0.2 g/L
- Acidity: 3.1 g/L
- Total SO2: 56.0 mg/L

PRODUCER PROFILE
Estate owned by: Stephane Defraigne
Winemaker: Stephane Defraigne
Total acreage under vine: 123
Estate founded: 1989
Winery production: 300,000 Bottles
Region: Bordeaux
Country: France