# CHATEAU DU TAILLAN

Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel

lintage 20

#### AOC Haut-Médoc

#### Blend

70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc

#### Vineyard

- 28 hectares of vines cultivated using traditional methods from the Médoc region with grass cover in the rows ensuring that the vines compete for water and nitrates.
- A reasoned but above all thoughtful protection of the vineyard according to the threat of diseases and climatic hazards.
- The vines are grown very carefully, using a green harvest for this vintage to optimize the quality of the grapes.
- $\cdot$  Average age of vines: : 35 years old

#### Soil

Clay-limestone

### Harvest

Merlot : from October 5th to 13th Cabernet Sauvignon : from October 14th to 15th Manual sorting with vatting without crushing the berries.

#### Winemaking

Thermoregulated tanks. Parcel selection at the vatting. Vatting for 3 to 4 weeks: pumping over and unloading guided by a regular tasting for a smooth and controlled extraction.

Maceration after fermentation at  $30^{\circ}$ C for 4 to 6 days to obtain the tannins.

#### Ageing

70% of the wine in oak barrels for 12 months. Only 20% in new barrel. 30% in barrels which have had one wine in.

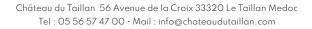


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Vintage 2012



## 89/100 Sascha Speicher, WEINWIRTSCHAFT (Germany)

A fine classic style, almost feminine for this vintage, redcurrants aromas, wild cherries, some spices: full of flavor, juicy, good balance, moderate tannins, a delightful freshness, it is a pleasure to drink it young.

## 87/100 Gilbert & Gaillard

Dress is a bold garnet color, with ruby reflections. An intense nose, black fruit with grilled notes. A sophisticated mouth, mellow, structured and concentrated. The aromas are distinct and precise. Tannins are rigid. Altogether balanced. A Haut-Medoc true to the region.

## 86/100 Robert Parker

A blend of 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, Du Taillan's 2012 is certainly one of the more successful Cru Bourgeois that I tasted. Quite well-made, pure and ripe, this dark ruby/plum-colored wine has round, gorgeous flavors, medium body and sweet tannin in the finish. It is drinking well now and should continue to do so for 5-8 year.

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