



COS D'ESTOURNEL

2007

Saint-Estèphe Appellation, Classified Second Growth in 1855

Cabernet Sauvignon 85%, Merlot 12%, Cabernet Franc 3%

North of the Medoc, on the hill of Saint-Estèphe. At the bend of the road are the majestic pagodas of Cos d'Estournel. After the sheer delight, it seeks to penetrate the mystery carefully hidden behind the imposing Zanzibar Gate. The residence of the **Maharajah of Saint-Estèphe** does not fail to surprise. Here is a real palace, entirely dedicated to wine. This had been desired by **Louis-Gaspard d'Estournel**. Therefore when he inherited a few hectares of vineyards in 1791, he had never ceased to enlarge the estate and to provide it with the best techniques.

Convinced of having in his hands **an exceptional terroir**, this man of taste, adventurer, praised around the world, in India, in particular, from where he brought this penchant for the Orient and exoticism. **In the image of his wine, bewitching and elegant**, as well as **spicy and powerful**, he took the chance to be himself in a world so conventional, cultivating his differences and taking up his choices.

Property since 2000 of Michel Reybier, Cos d'Estournel pursues its destiny, between **audacity and humility**. Every decision is a risk-taken, in a visionary philosophy that its founder would not have disowned. Culture divided into plots pushed to its peak, demanding **innovation in the winery**, a taste for beauty and excellence in a world imbued with unobtrusive elegance, this is the legacy of Louis-Gaspard which its owner today extends. The unique style of Cos d'Estournel, born of a sublime terroir magnified with respect by the passion of men over the centuries, made from his discovery a true journey.



The Terroir of Cos d'Estournel

Situated on the edge of the plateau near the Gironde estuary, Cos d'Estournel enjoys a **remarkable geographic location**. The vineyard benefits from a **maritime climate** and **gentle natural ventilation**, whilst being sheltered from extreme weather. Comprising a **rolling landscape on deep gravel and clay**, Cos d'Estournel enjoys an **unparalleled situation** with two hillsides and a central plateau.

This location gives it an incredible variety of terroirs and the exhaustive knowledge of the vineyard makes it possible to determine what every plot has to offer, harness its full potential and bring out its very best.

2007, The Tasty expression of the Terroir

When some years may seem difficult, the magnificent terroir of Cos d'Estournel offers all its potential and rewards the attention which encourages it season after season. The harsh climatic conditions of 2007 generated numerous constraints and demanded incessant efforts. But the legacy of the terroir, shaped for decades by the know-how of men from Cos d'Estournel, has been able to tap into its invaluable resources. It is fully expressed in this delicate context. The beautiful Merlot, slightly mature, offers in particular a soft and velvety character for a wine that deserves our full attention. Contrary to conventional wisdom, this vintage is now a revelation, elegant combination of sweet spices, smoky note and grilled red fruit. As a nice bonus of our great terroir, it is best tasted with delight.



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