

## Chateau Roquefort

### APPELLATION

Bordeaux (red)

### HISTORY

Only the ruins remain of the original 13th Century chateau, frequented by Edward of England (which then included Aquitaine). The 15th Century reconstruction burnt down and the present 18th Century chateau is a re- re-construction.

### OWNER

Jean Bellanger purchased the property in 1980, after retiring from business. He then set about planting the vineyard, which had long since ceased to exist.

### SITUATION

The chateau is in the middle of the Entre-Duex-Mers region of Bordeaux. The vineyard is in two parts: The red-vineyard is on the rocky plateau ("Roque-fort") in the commune of Lugasson, around the chateau.

### VINIFICATION METHODS

The reds undergo a traditional and long fermentation in stainless-steel tanks.

### AGEING

The reds are aged for 12 months in barrel on 2/3 rotation (1/3 always remains in tank). The barrels are one, two and three years old.

### CHARACTER OF THE WINE

The wine is fleshy, Merlot-dominated and beautifully sweet flavored with no excess of tannin. The style is deliberately one of approachability without lightness.