

MAISON  
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## AOC Bordeaux Merlot

### Origin

The Bordeaux AOC is one of the largest, and certainly one of the most famous, wine regions of France.

Growing mainly red grape varieties, the Merlot is the predominant variety within the Bordeaux region where it is able to express its full potential.



### Vinification

After a short pre-fermentation maceration to extract the aromatic compounds from the skins, vinification takes place at a controlled temperature. 4-6 months ageing then enables the tannins to soften and gives the wine its spicy, oaky character.



**Appearance:** Bright with a strong garnet hue

**Nose:** Intense notes of red and black fruit

**Palate:** Concentrated, fruity and silky



Serve between 16-18°C  
Best enjoyed within 2-3 years



Red meats, hard cheeses,  
chocolate desserts



Entrecôte steak with cep mushrooms