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FRANCE

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DAILY RELIEF

CHATEAU LA BRANDE 'LE MARMOT'

Natural, sulfur free, fresh style of Bordeaux

Le Marmot

WINEMAKER Jean Philippe Fort

REGION Castillon Cotes de
Bordeaux

GRAPE VARIETY Merlot,
Cabernet Franc

SOIL Clay & Limestone

AGE OF VINES Originally
planted in 1956, with periodic
re-planting

PRODUCTION 4,200 bottles



CONCEPTUAL DOPPELGÄNGER

Children create wonderful chaos.

Beginning from knowledge of conception, a child begins to change all around them, which can be received with joy and much consternation. Why wouldn't it? It's a miraculous process that consumes all around it, becoming the sun in a newly forming universe. We laugh. We dream. We worry. We hope. We imagine. We cry. We hold and wonder. Stephen Frears' much loved story of a baby conceived between two quarrelous Irish families produces many a moment of joy and pique in the journey through gestation and arrival. I'm sure it's wonderful in French as well. Crazy happiness is what Le Marmot is all about. One may require a sip or a guzzle - depends on le marmot!

VITI VINI Hand picked off of 3 blocks of the 16 hectare estate, which is south facing hillsides, organically farmed following the Cousinié Method. They alternate grass cover and tillage between rows and help the vine develop natural defenses by applying herbal preparations. 5000 vines per hectare. The individual blocks undergo a slow, natural fermentation in stainless steel. Bottled 4-6 months after harvest with no oenological additives and no sulfur.

PRODUCER Since 1956, the Mangot vineyard has been listed as a renowned wine-growing estate. For the Todeschini family, now on its third generation, the most important factor continues to be the health of the soil and vines. The family aims to produce wines that express their own identity. Though the style remains loyal to the typicity of this traditional area, the wines display their own unique character, which is derived from the distinctiveness of

their site. Totally organic in their philosophy and approach, all efforts are carried out with maximum respect for the environment. This practice in the vineyard allows for minimal intervention in the cellar. Karl and Yann, the youngest generation, are bringing a new energy to the estate, constantly searching and challenging the boundaries to produce the most expressive wines possible.

