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JEAN-MARC BARTHEZ BORDEAUX ROUGE / MARY TAYLOR WINES / 2018 / BORDEAUX / FRANCE

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PRODUCER

In addition to caring deeply about the stakeholders involved with our company, our wine selection process is as such: We partner with grower-producers who farm their land respectfully and who are true artisans. While the majority of our wineries are independent, we also work with two small co-operatives (one in Bordeaux and the other in Saint-Pourçain) whose viticulture practices align with our values of sustainability, minimal intervention, and artisanship.

MARY TAYLOR WINE
THINK OUTSIDE THE GRAPE

Mary Taylor

VITICULTURE + VINIFICATION

This “alternative” Bordeaux is populated by the small independent estates that line the banks of the Garonne and the Dordogne rivers, where conscientious growers craft honest bottles for everyday enjoyment rather than 100-point scores. This is the Bordeaux to which winemaker Jean Marc Barthez belongs. The archetypal “dirt-under-the-fingernails” winemaker, he serves as the president of a small co-operative winery in Monségur, an ancient village founded by Eleanor of Aquitaine in the 13th century. There, he oversees a handful of growers who cultivate small family vineyards - many certified organic - and join forces to produce Bordeaux wines that their friends and neighbours can actually afford. 2018 was a warm, sunny vintage with a hot and dry September. This red has wonderful “drinkability” aided by the absence of oak during the ageing process.

TASTING NOTE

Neither glitzy nor flashy, but perfectly embodies the region’s rural soul. A signature blend of 50% Merlot with equal parts Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, even at its modest price point it possesses much of the dark-fruited complexity that made Bordeaux famous in the first place – but rendered in a brighter, more refreshing frame.

FACTS + STATS

VARIETIES	50% MERLOT, 25% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 25% CABERNET FRANC
APPELLATION	BORDEAUX
CLOSURE	NATURAL CORK
ALCOHOL	13%
ORGANIC	NO
BIODYNAMIC	NO
VEGAN	YES
VEGETARIAN	YES
CASE SIZE	12

