

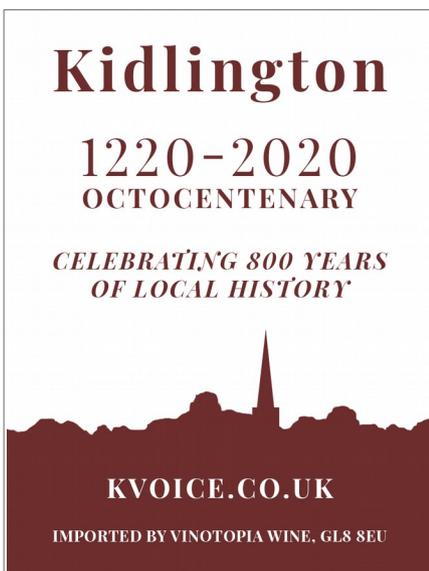
## KIDLINGTON'S OCTOCENTENARY 1220-2020 CELEBRATING 800 YEARS OF LOCAL HISTORY

**Which wine?** Selected and especially labelled for your table by Kidlington's own local micro-bar, why not try this *Superior* wine from France: a designation arising from the higher quality standards to which viticulturists and vintners must adhere in order to have *Supérieur* on their wine label.

### \* BORDEAUX SUPERIEUR VINTAGE 2015

**£20.20**

Bordeaux Supérieur can originate anywhere in the Bordeaux Region, yet from the areas closer to Saint-Émilion - as is this Chateau de Courtebotte from the Entre-deux Mers - the result of this northerly bias brings a difference which adds to the creation of a superior wine with a richer and more complex flavour.



As the name suggests, the designation Bordeaux Supérieur promises to offer a superior version of Bordeaux appellation d'origine contrôlée wines. Under the strict guidelines of French appellation law for a Bordeaux to be classified as Supérieur it must come from a vineyard that is planted more densely, but there is more.

The elevated status of Bordeaux Supérieur is further defined by use of older vines; densely planted vineyards; required ripeness of fruit and natural sugar levels upon harvest; lower harvest yields; minimum 10.5% ABV - 12-month minimum barrel ageing requirement.

There must be 4,500 plants per hectare with a distance of 2.2 meters between rows, compared to 4,000 plants per hectare with a distance of 2.5 meters between rows for regular Bordeaux. This higher density makes it harder for the plants to survive creating stronger deeper roots, and healthier vines for the ones that do.

The regulations also stipulate a lower yield, about 10 percent lower per hectare, which allows each vine to maximize the nutrients received by the grapes that have not been pruned. The grapes must also be picked riper at harvest with higher natural sugar levels resulting in at least a 10 percent natural alcohol level - a slight bit higher than the 9.5 percent minimum for regular Bordeaux.

Chateau De Courbotte is a family estate whose vineyards are located on an excellent terroir which produces fine, elegant wines with great aromatic complexity. A classic blend of Merlot 60% and Cabernet Sauvignon 40%.

**\* This wine benefits from aeration hence recommended is decanting for around an hour or so before accompanying a meal or before pouring a first glass.**

This wine is selected by and available from Kidlington's micro-bar

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