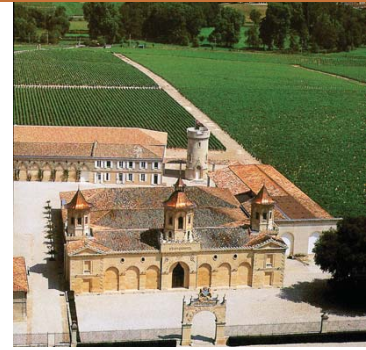


# MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES



COS D'ESTOURNEL



## COS D'ESTOURNEL, ST. ESTÈPHE

In the old Gascon language, the word 'Cos' means "The Hill of Pebbles." Appropriately named, Château Cos d'Estournel is situated on the banks of the Gironde River between Pauillac and St. Estèphe, where the property is clearly defined by the hill of Cos, reaching to a height of almost 65 feet. It is today owned by Michel Reybier, and continues to be managed by a member of the Prats family under the direction of Jean-Guillaume Prats.

### KEY POINTS

1. The 173-acre vineyard of Cos d'Estournel is divided into almost 30 separate parcels comprised of a limestone bed with top layers of gravel.
2. Bordered on the west by the Atlantic Ocean and the East by the Gironde River, the vineyard benefits from a micro-climate that acts as a regulator, preventing extremes in temperature.
3. Shaped into well-drained slopes from erosion, the exceptionally deep layers of gravel force the old vines planted on the height of the hill to thrust their roots into the arid soil, slowing down the flow of the sap and concentrating the fruit.
4. The vineyard is made up of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon vines, which are planted in the top layers of gravelly soil and are situated on the southern slopes of the hill. The remaining 40% is planted with Merlot in the limestone bed on the eastern slopes.
5. Plantation is extremely dense (8,000 to 10,000 vines per hectare) and the average age of the vine is 35 years old. Only the wines made from vines over 20 years of age will carry the name of Château Cos d'Estournel.
6. A very high percentage of new oak casks are used each vintage, sometimes as much as 65-80%.
7. This renowned property has continued to produce distinguished wines since the early 1800s and most recently, the 2005 Vintage was given 98 points by Robert Parker, Jr.

### PRODUCT LIST

- Château Cos d'Estournel
- Les Pagodes de Cos

