

# CHÂTEAU ROQUEFORT



## Château Roquefort highlights the great limestone terroirs of Entre-deux-Mers at Terroirs en Scène

At the Terroirs en Scène event organized by the Derenoncourt Vignerons Consultants team on March 23, 2026, the Château Roquefort team presented the estate's ambitions and reflected on ten years of investments dedicated to the future.

Château Roquefort, owned by the Bellanger family, is located in the heart of the Entre-deux-Mers region and boasts a unique millennia-old heritage. For more than 6,000 years, people have lived and worked on this limestone plateau. **Transmission lies at the heart of the Bellanger family's project**, with the ambition of making it a model estate rooted in 21st-century values. Château Roquefort produces wines with a strong sense of identity—precise, understated wines that reflect both the terroir and the lifestyle of Entre-deux-Mers.



### Wines that reveal their terroir

Over the past ten years, the estate has undertaken a major investment program aimed at restructuring the vineyard and modernizing the winery and all buildings, guided by the estate's **CSR commitments**. Collaboration with Julien Lavenu and Hannah Fiegenshuh of Derenoncourt Vignerons Consultants has further strengthened the goal of showcasing the estate's great limestone terroirs. A commitment to quality combined with environmental respect drives this partnership, with the objective of producing **distinctive wines** that express the limestone memory of **Entre-deux-Mers**.

The white vineyard parcels have been **farmed organically** since 2020, following a complete restructuring. Red vineyard parcels are also being restructured, with a significant shift in grape varieties, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, and Cabernet Franc. Additional varieties have been planted to diversify plantings and test adaptation to climate change (Castets, Arinarnoa, Fer Servadou). For each plot, **soil pits** are used to determine the best rootstock-vine combination (massal or clonal selection depending on the case). A major investment program will be carried out at the end of the year in the winery to enable highly plot-specific vinification.

Under the leadership of Stéphane Soubanère, Technical Director of Château Roquefort, and Hannah Fiegenshuh, consulting oenologist at Derenoncourt, the latest vintages reflect this new momentum.

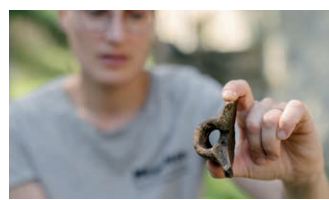
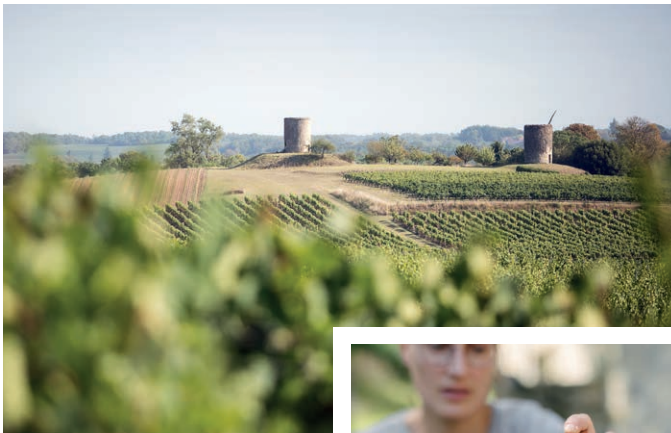
These new directions have been supported by a complete overhaul of the wine range, a new brand platform, and a redeployment of sales networks, which have received very positive feedback—particularly in export markets, which account for 50% of sales. Château Roquefort wines are present in traditional markets, and 60% of sales come from "fresh-style" wines. A **new lifestyle range** is set to launch in the spring, inspired by the Art de vivre of the Arcachon Bay area.

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## Focus on a recent release: Claret

“Claret Les Roches Blanches” is the result of a reflection on the estate’s ability to produce, in this cool oceanic terroir of Entre-deux-Mers, a **light, fruit-forward, and indulgent red wine**. Sourced from clay-limestone plots in the rolling terroir of Castelviel, the Merlot here reveals a highly drinkable and approachable character. The label features a standing stone shaped like a heart, located at the entrance to the estate.



Anne & Frédéric Bellanger and their daughters

## Promoting the region

The entire team is strongly engaged in **local economic life**, and the estate participates in numerous cultural and community programs. Certified for “Slow Tourism” and “Cycling Tourism,” Château Roquefort welcomes **wine tourism enthusiasts** year-round with premium tours and workshops, offers a guesthouse, and organizes two major annual events: a summer dinner and a harvest festival. In 2019, the estate received the **“Best of Wine Tourism”** award in the Architecture & Landscapes category.

In terms of historical heritage, the Bellanger family has undertaken restoration and enhancement projects for the estate’s buildings, as well as **archaeological excavations** conducted with the CNRS and the Mégané Association on the Neolithic site of the Allée Couverte.

The Roquefort spirit is above all about **enjoyment** and **transmission**: a passion for vineyard work, a strong sense of team camaraderie, and the pleasure of offering high-quality wines at controlled prices. This spirit has been passed down from generation to generation since 1976, when Jean Bellanger acquired the estate.

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Frédéric Bellanger, Arnaud & François from the Distillerie de Guyenne, Camille Giai, Eva Bellanger

## "Lug & Son", a new range of spirits

One year of collective work led to this new range distilled in Lugasson, just a few kilometers from the estate. Led by Eva Bellanger, the family's third generation, alongside owners Anne and Frédéric Bellanger, and François and Arnaud—neighbors and friends from the Distillerie de Guyenne located in the same village—the Château Roquefort team launched "Lug & Son" in 2025: a range of spirits (two vermouths and a gin) that extends the estate's winemaking identity. The Bordeaux spirit, distilled for today!

## About Château Roquefort

Château Roquefort is a Bellanger family estate located between the Garonne and Dordogne rivers, in the heart of Entre-deux-Mers, not far from Saint-Émilion. With 83 hectares of vineyards, the estate produces distinctive wines typical of the region's remarkable limestone terroirs. Across 140 hectares, forests, woodlands, and pastures are preserved. The estate offers tours and themed workshops focused on vineyards, nature, gastronomy, and historical heritage. For fans of slow tourism and cycling, the Roger Lapébie bike path is just one kilometer away. The guesthouse "La Maison de Léo" welcomes visitors for overnight stays or longer, and the Orangerie is available for private events and seminars. The estate received the Best of Wine Tourism 2019 award in the Architecture & Landscapes category.

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