

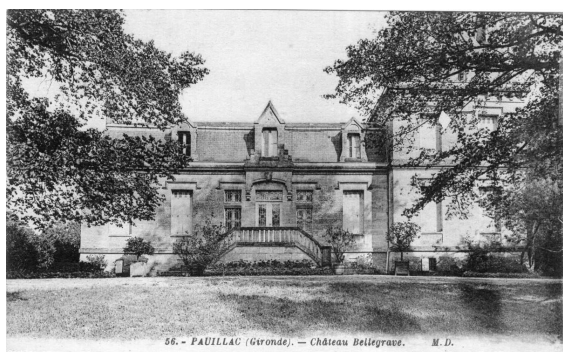
CHATEAU Bellegrave 2018

AOC Pauillac

Château Bellegrave is located in Pauillac in the Northern part of Bordeaux. It is surrounded by prestigious neighbors such as Chateau Latour, Pichon-Longueville and Lynch Bages. It was formerly the property of M. Armand Roux before it was purchased by his business partner, M. H. Van-Der-Voort in 1901. It was in 1997 that J.P. Meffre, already owners of Chateau du Glana and Lalande in Saint-Julien, purchased the estate. It is currently managed by his grandsons, Julien and Ludovic Meffre. The vineyard is 8.30 ha in size, which is relatively small. The soil is mainly composed of Garonne Gravels. They apply small yields and all of the grapes are hand-harvested. The wine is fermented in temperature-controlled vats and aged around 12 months in 45% New French Oak. Only 2,000 cases produced annually. This is one of the handful of non-classified Pauillac that is still family-owned, which makes it an incredible value to the consumer. Chateau Bellegrave is producing an exceptional elegant and refined wine, that is still available at affordable prices. It is an incredible discovery.

~ Viticulture ~

- 8.75 hectares (21.6 acres) of vines.
- Garonne Gravel.
- **56% Cabernet Sauvignon and 44% Merlot**
- Planted density of 8,333 vines per hectare.
- Average age of the vines are 25 years.
- Manual de-leafing and green harvest.



~ Winemaking ~

- Manual harvest.
- 2 sortings.
- Cold pre-fermentation maceration (24-48 hours).
- Fermentation by parcel and varietal in traditional cement and stainless steel vats.
- Total maceration period of 3 weeks, followed by malolactic fermentation.
- Aged 12 months in French oak barrels, of which 45% are new.
- Around 2,000 cases produced annually.



93-94 Points. This is very tannic and structured, showing a solid core of fruit with graphite and dark-berry character. Medium to full body. Flavorful finish. - James Suckling



89-91 Points. The 2018 Bellegrave (Pauillac) is deep garnet-purple colored with a cassis, plums, dried herbs and dried berries-laced nose with spice nuances. Full bodied, it has a good fruit core and is a little chewy, finishing with an herbal lift. - Lisa Perroti-Brown



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89-91 Points. The 2018 Bellegrave is racy, pliant and super-expressive. Succulent red berry, mint, flowers and blood orange are nicely lifted in a medium-bodied Pauillac that captures the natural radiance of the year while retaining a good bit of freshness as well.