

CHATEAU Bellegrave 2019

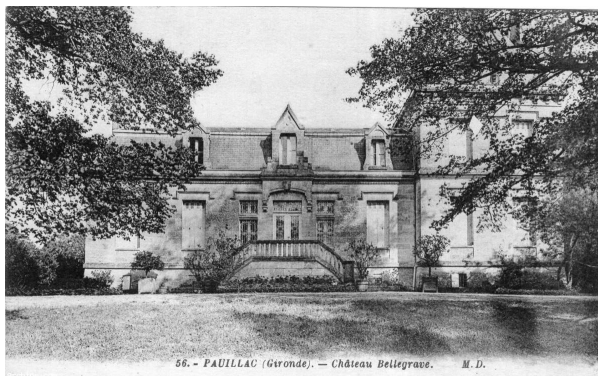
AOC Pauillac

~Background~

Château Bellegrave is located in Pauillac in the Northern part of Bordeaux. It is surrounded by prestigious neighbors such as Château 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 Château 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. Château 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.
- **64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc**
- 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.
- **Alcohol content : 14.5°**



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92-93 Points. This is a big wine with lots of blackberry and blueberry character and hints of walnuts. It's medium-bodied with a juicy finish. Balanced



89-91 Points. Barrel Sample. This small estate has produced a wine that is already open and soft. The wine's black currant flavors are bright, coming easily out of the tannins. It is a wine that will age easily and gracefully – R.V.



91-93 Points. Opaque purple-black colored, the 2019 Bellegrave (Pauillac) sashays out of the glass with alluring scents of crushed raspberries, kirsch and fresh blackcurrants plus hints of dried mint, incense, cloves and cedar chest with a touch of lavender. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is jam-packed with fresh, crunchy black fruits, framed by firm, grainy tannins and loads of freshness, finishing long and lively. Nice!

