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CHATEAU Bellegrave 2020 AOC Pauillac

— Background —

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 of vines.
- Garonne Gravel.
- 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot and 7% Cabernet Franc planted.
- Planted density of 8,333 vines per hectare.
- Average age of the vines is 25 years.
- Manual dede-budding, leaf removal and thinning.
- Manual harvesting.
- Plot management.
- The technical efforts and the numerous cares brought to the vineyard, associated with an exceptional soil, allow an optimal maturity.

— Winemaking —

- 2 sortings.
- Yield: 54hl per hectare.
- Cold pre-fermentation maceration (24-48 hours).
- Fermentation by plot and varietal in traditional concrete and thermoregulated stainless steel vats.
- Total vatting period of 3 weeks, followed by malolactic fermentation.
- Aged 12 months in French oak barrels, of which 40% are new.
- 32,000 bottles produced.



93 points. One of the rare estates in Pauillac that is not a classed growth, the wine is solid, still young. Its black-currant fruits and tannins are coming together along with the rich spice of wood aging. The wine is set for some serious aging.



90 Points. Impressive blackcurrant and blue-fruit character with so much stone and mineral undertones. It's full-bodied with chewy tannins that are polished and poised. May be the best yet.

