

CHATEAU LA BRANNE 2019

AOP Médoc - Cru Bourgeois Supérieur

~ Background ~

Château La Branne is located in the town of Bégadan in the Medoc peninsula in the southwest of France and is owned by the Videau Family. Originally the family estate had only 2 hectares of vines, however, over the years the small estate expanded to the 30 hectares it has today. In September 2016, the estate was certified High Value Environmental Level 3. It is committed to approaches that respect the environment and give great importance to cultivating this partnership. An example of this are the beehives around the vineyard as well as a variety of flowers planted for the bees. The estate has a beautiful biodiversity. In 2008, thanks to hard work and dedication, Chateau La Branne was awarded the "Cru Bourgeois" classification and "Cru Bourgeois Superior" classification in 2020. The Videau family describes their wines in 3 words: charming, authentic and inviting. Their son, Vincent (with the soul of a globetrotter, who took him to Chile and New Zealand to discover another vision of wine) joined the estate. He brings his youth and enthusiasm and creates a new vintage.



Owners Fabienne & Philippe
VIDEAU and their son Vincent

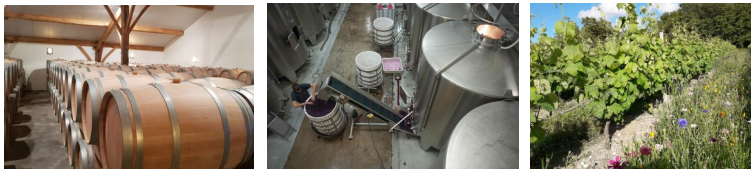
~ Viticulture ~

- 41% Cabernet Sauvignon, 49% Merlot and 10% Petit Verdot planted
- Area of the vineyard : 30 ha
- Density of plantation: 5000 and 7500/ ha
- Average age of the vines: 30 years
- Yields: 55 hl per hectare.
- Soil: sandy gravel, clayey limestone and clayey gravel
- Pruning, de-leafing on the sunrise side of the vines to allow a good ventilation of the grapes.
- The entire vineyard is grassed to control production. Grass also plays an ecological role because it avoids soil erosion and the use of herbicides.
- Certified High Environmental Value since 2016.



~ Winemaking ~

- Mechanic Harvest
- **Blend: 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 46% Merlot and 6% Petit Verdot.**
- Fermentation in thermoregulated vats
- Maceration for few weeks after fermentation
- Ageing: one year in oak barrels
- 80,000 bottles produced.



~ Tasting Notes ~

The nose is fruity and offers concentration, a fine power and greediness. It has notes of fleshy blackcurrant, fleshy blackberry and more slightly zan, toastiness associated with fine touches of vanilla, fresh cherry as well as fine points of crushed plum, nutmeg, sweet spices and cardamom. The palate is fruity, balanced, mineral and offers tension, racy minerality and a tangy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry/cherry, juicy/chunky blackberry and more lightly juicy/acidic small red berries combined with fine touches of coffee, licorice/licorice stick and cardamom. An imperceptible hint of tea (in the background). Good length.



91 points. Blackcurrant aromas with bacon and earth follow through to a medium body with chewy yet fine tannins and a lightly smoky finish to the dark fruit. Give it a year or two to come more together. Try after 2024.