

Château Bolaire 2019

CSPC# 866158

750mlx12

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

50% Petit Verdot, 50% Merlot

Appellation

Bordeaux Supérieur

Website

<http://www.chateau-belle-vue.com/nos-vins/marque-5006D3V27A-chateau-bolaire/>

Sustainability

- H.V.E Certificate: High Environmental and Agricultural good practices acknowledgment.

- Severe pruning favouring aeration to provide a homogenous repartition of grapes.

Disbudding and bud splitting. Thinning out the leaves on both sides. Cleaning up.

- Integral soil work by grass growing, to encourage the vines roots to grow deeper in order to obtain the best expression of Terroir.

General Info

Chateau Bolaire is situated on the "Isle of Macau" in a pocket well protected with a warm microclimate. The 4.5 hectares' plantings consist of 40% Petit Verdot, 33% Merlot and 27% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Chateau Bolaire is an interesting estate in the Bordeaux Supérieur appellation. The vineyards boast the largest percentage of Petit Verdot planted in all of Bordeaux at more than fifty percent! Chateau Bolaire was first established at the start of the 21st century. The property was created by the young Vincent Mulliez, after he purchased it in 2003. Vincent Mulliez was also responsible for improving the quality of wines being produced at his Haut Medoc estate Chateau Belle-Vue along with Chateau de Gironville, which is also situated in the Haut Medoc. All three estates have earned a solid reputation for producing fine, affordable, value priced, Bordeaux wine of quality. Vincent Mulliez, who had a career as a banker before becoming a Bordeaux wine maker, passed away in 2010 at only 44 years of age.

This property borders the Gironde River estuary, east of the town of Macau, and 12 miles north of central Bordeaux. The estate was created prior to 1860 and remained in the same family until its purchase in early 2003 by the owner of Château Belle-Vue and the Société Civile de la Gironville who saw the enormous potential at Bolaire as he studied the soils and the vines. The soils, locally called palus, are rich in clay, one of the secrets behind the tremendous success of the 2003, the first vintage under the new ownership.

Winemaker

Enologist adviser: Christophe Coupez. Consultant: Vincent Bache-Gabrielsen

Vintage

The summer heatwave, with only 65 mm of rainfall between the 15th of June and the 8th of September 2019, drove to the picking up of very sound grapes, quite small but with an amazing aromatic taste. Patience has been our key word all along the harvesting process.

Vineyards

The well-maintained vineyard boasts an average age of 42 years old but there is a 2.0-hectare block of 80-year-old Petit Verdot that yields some of the property's best fruit. Indeed, Bolaire's 5.5-hectare (13.6 acres) vineyard has an unusual arrangement of the blend for this region: 34% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon, and an exceptionally high 39% Petit Verdot, the same varietal that has been so successful at Château Belle-Vue. The aptly named property takes its name from the local hamlet or lieu-dit called "Bolaire", whose name is derived directly from an old French adjective used to describe reddish, finely grained, clay soils, les terres bolaires. Well-known neighbors of Château Bolaire include the grands crus classés La Lagune and Dauzac, and the cru bourgeois Siran, not to mention . . . Belle-Vue!

Harvest

Harvest was held between the 26th of September and the 18th of October which allowed plenty of time for each parcel to reach its perfect maturity.

Vinification/

Maturation

During the vinification, the extraction is done as gently as possible:

- Cold pre-fermentation maceration (0 ° C) for 10 days.

- Exclusive use of the load shedding by gravity, the juice is returned by spraying on the marc without de-structuring it.

- Post-fermentation maceration: 20 days on average at 28 ° C to refine the tannins. Finished wines mature for 12 months in barrels, 30% of which are new.



Tasting Note	Due to its dry Palus soil, generally less affected by the hydrous stress, Château Bolaire with its particular 50% Petit Verdot - 50% Merlot blend offers a bright plum colour, explosive tannins and this fruity and spicy bouquet so typical of Petit Verdot grapes.
Serve With	Cassoulet, Meatballs, Gourmet Hamburgers, heart pastas. Chateau Bolaire is best paired with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes. Chateau Bolaire is also good when matched with Asian dishes, hearty fish courses like tuna, mushrooms, and pasta.
Production	1,900 cases made. 26 000 bottles.
Cellaring	Drink 2022-2031
Scores/Awards	<p>86 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2022</p> <p>90-92+ points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - June 2020</p> <p>92-93 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020</p> <p>91 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022</p> <p>89-91 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - June 2020</p> <p>81 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2020</p> <p>90 points - Yves Beck (score only) - June 2020</p> <p>89-90 points - Vert de Vin - April 2020</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"Direct and slightly high-pitched, with a savory note leading off followed by damson plum and cherry flavors. Merlot and Petit Verdot. Drink now. 1,900 cases made"</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Very deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Bolaire (usually around 50% Petit Verdot and 50% Merlot) has a spectacular note of crushed black and red cherries, warm plums, and violets with hints of chocolate box, eucalyptus, and Sichuan pepper plus a waft of cinnamon toast. The medium to full-bodied palate is chock-full of bold, expressive black fruits, supported by ripe, grainy tannins and tons of freshness, finishing long and spicy. Delicious!"</i> - LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"A juicy, ripe red with plum and almost jammy character, but it comes back with ripe tannins that frame the wine nicely. Solid for the appellation."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"Dark, deep, and powerful, this unique blend of roughly 40% Merlot and close to 60% old vine Petit Verdot is packed with dark chocolate, flowers, black, red, and blue fruits along with earthy nuances. On the palate, the wine is lush, fresh, and salty. Bold and richly textured, give this just few years in the cellar before pulling a cork. Drink from 2022-2031."</i> - JL, thewinecellarinsider.com</p> <p><i>"With close to 60% old vine Petit Verdot in the blend, the wine is quite dark in the glass. Lush, round, fleshy and juicy, this fruit-filled, full-bodied, richly textured wine is unique for Bordeaux and well-worth experiencing."</i> - JL, thewinecellarinsider.com</p> <p><i>"The nose offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of black blackberry, coffee, small notes of small black fruits associated with touches of crushed raspberry, violet as well as very fine hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, Boysen berry, small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of juicy strawberry as well as hints of violet, lily, and very fine hints of zan. Good length."</i> - Vert de Vin</p>
