

Château Belle-Vue 2019

CSPC# 749534

750mlx12

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 20% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc, 1% Carmenère
Appellation	Haut-Medoc
Classification	Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel
Website	http://www.chateau-belle-vue.fr/
Sustainability	H.V.E Certificate: High Environmental and acknowledgment of good Agricultural practices.
General Info	<p>Chateau Belle Vue is located in Haut Medoc in the commune of Macau. Petit Verdot is particularly important on this gravelly terroir making up 20% with Cabernet Sauvignon around 55% and Merlot around 25% also playing a part.</p> <p>Belle-Vue is established in 1996 when the previous owner Rémy Fouin set apart his best (Gironville) vineyards with the aim of producing a wine of... say Margaux quality: Belle-Vue directly borders the 3rd classed growth Château Giscours.</p> <p>Acquired in 2004 by Vincent Mulliez, Castle BELLE-VUE comes from a land whose history is intertwined with that of Bordeaux wine. Mulliez joked that it would be a good sign when one-day people would describe Giscours "as the neighbour of the famous Château Belle-Vue." But until today this is the other way around, I'm afraid. Since the death of Vincent Mulliez in May 2010 (at 44 yrs. of age), his wife Isabelle took over the management of the Civil Society of Gironville to pursue with determination the work begun by her husband. This rigorous and enterprising man had succeeded in a few years to impose its three properties, Belle-Vue, Gironville and BOLAIRE among the best recognition in the Médoc.</p>
Winemaker	Christophe Coupez (Ch. Retout) as consultant oenologist and Vincent Bache-Gabrielsen (Ch. Pédesclaux & Ch. Lilian Ladouys) as a consultant.
Vintage	<p>The beginning of the season was quite cool and humid, followed by an extremely hot summer period. The vines adapted with ease to the climatic conditions of the year, yielding perfectly ripened fruit.</p> <p>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. 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. Patience has been our key word all along the harvesting process.</p> <p>Château Belle-Vue 2019 offers a deep purple colour, velvety and elegant tannins, floral and spicy notes, in the tradition of its best vintages.</p>
Vineyards	The vineyard is maintained with care and protection reasoned yields are restricted to obtain the best possible fruit maturity. Average vine age is 39 years, and the 15.58-hectare estate comprises 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 21% Petit Verdot.
Harvest	26th of September and the 18th of October
Vinification	<p>During the vinification, the extraction is done as gently as possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cold pre-ferment maceration (0 ° C) for 10 days.- Exclusive use of release by gravity, the juice is re-sent by sprinkling on to the grappa which prevents it from destructure.- Post-ferment maceration: 20 days on average at 28 ° C to refine the tannins.
Maturation	Wines receive 14-16 months in barrel to mature, with 30% of barrels being new and 60% having been used for one previous vintage.
Tasting Notes	With its floral and spicy fragrances, along with its fine and silky tannins, the Chateau Belle-Vue 2019 is a wine of character with an expressive finish. This 2019 vintage is certainly in line with the best vintages of the estate.
Serve with	Chateau Belle-Vue is best served at 15.5 degrees Celsius, 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The cool, almost cellar temperature gives the wine more freshness and lift. The red wine of Chateau Belle-Vue is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes.
Production	6,800 cases made; 80 000 bottles made



**Cellaring
Scores/Awards**

Drink 2025 - 2040

89 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2022

88 points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022

89-91 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - June 2020

91 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022

90-91 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020

91-93 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 2020

93 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - June 2020

91 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022

89-91 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - June 2020

89 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - April 2020

90-92 points - Yves Beck (score only) - May 2020

94 points - Terres de Vins - September 2021

92 points - Vert de Vin - May 2020

Reviews

"Juicy and direct, with nicely focused red currant, floral and iron notes all supported by a subtle chalky minerality through the finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc and Carmenère. Drink now through 2028. 6,800 cases made"

- JM, Wine Spectator

"From a 15-hectare vineyard just outside the appellation of Margaux, not far from Giscours, the 2019 Belle-Vue offers up aromas of earthy berry fruit, smoky oak, and dried herbs, followed by a medium-bodied, lively, and melting palate. It's a creditable effort best drunk over the next decade."

- WK, Wine Advocate

"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Belle-Vue delivers bold scents of crushed blackberries, fresh blackberries, and Morello cherries with touches of wild thyme, forest floor and cinnamon stick. The medium-bodied palate offers mouth-filling black fruits with a firm grip of chewy tannins and freshness, finishing with a minty kick."

- LPB, Wine Advocate

"Aromas of mulberries, dark cherries, wet earth, soya, and smoke. Medium to full bodied with firm tannins. Structured, with a fleshy texture and a fruity finish. Drink from 2023."

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"A solid wine for this appellation with blackberry, chocolate, and wet-earth character. Medium to full body, a good core of fruit and a medium finish."

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"91-93. Barrel Sample. The wine's black fruits and ripe tannins give promise of some good aging. Juicy and crisp with perfumed acidity, the wine is good for the medium-term."

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"Deep purple colour, medium to full intensity, and a feeling of confident tannic hold from the off. Such an impressive run of vintages at this Haut-Médoc property that has just been named Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel. The spice that Petit Verdot adds is clear, alongside well-brushed tannins, striking aromatics of brambly fruits. Not as luxuriously textured as in 2018 but in its place is a more serious outlook, and this is extremely sleek, elegant, and well made."

- JA, Decanter.com

"Already expressive with notes of flowers, savory herbs, cedar, dark red fruits, and tobacco leaf. The wine is medium-bodied, soft, fresh, and polished with a round, fruit packed finish. Belle-Vue (Haut-Médoc) is one of the few Bordeaux produced using 5 allowable grape varieties. Drink from 2023-2038."

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"One of the few Bordeaux produced using 5 allowable grape varieties, the wine is medium-bodied, floral and fresh, with a fruity character, soft tannins and a tangy, sweet and tart, red fruit with a citrus-overtone finish."

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

Reviews *“The nose offers power, a small concentration, and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, small black fruits, small notes of black cherry, liquorice associated with fine touches of strawberry, mild tobacco, and nutmeg. The palate is fine, elegant, gourmand and offers richness but full of finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of black cherry associated with touches of raspberry, small pulpy red berries as well as fine hints of chocolate, caramelization, and mild tobacco. Tannins are elegant and structuring.”*
- Vert de Vin

“A very pronounced ruby for a delicate nose of raspberry, strawberry and plum. The attack is fresh without excess, the crushed strawberry dominates, it is a wine that combines sweetness and acidity very well. A success for this vintage which has become unsurprisingly Bourgeois Exceptional! ””
- Terre de Vins
