

CHÂTEAU BEYCHEVELLE

2014

A vintage with a strong personality

Contrasting weather conditions

Due to a **mild, rainy winter**, the vines' growing cycle started about two weeks earlier than usual. **Bud break** was also **early**.

Spring continued with similar conditions. **Mild, wet** weather in May led to moderate growth and fortunately flowering was not hampered by the rain.

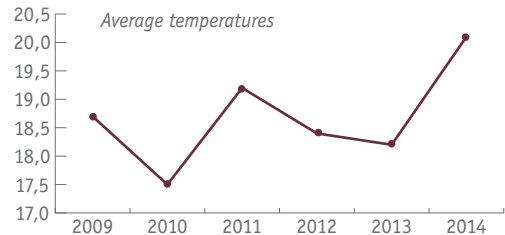
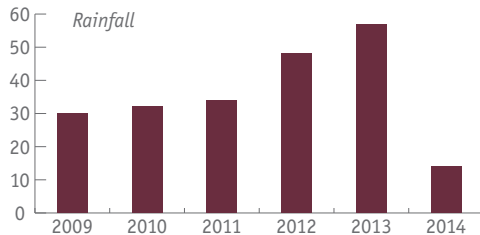
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	Merlot	Cabernet Sauvignon
Bud break	20/03	25/03
Flowering	25/05	02/06

The **summer** brought temperate conditions with **some light showers in July** and **cool weather during August**. Temperatures did not really come to a peak, and our vineyard was spared any storms. The onset of ripening was thus quite **late but uniform**.

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Veraison	5/08	13/08

An unexpected Indian summer

Finally September arrived bringing **exceptional weather**. September 2014 was the hottest September since 1961! A succession of hot, dry days resulted in some water stress for the vines, and created **ideal** conditions for the final stage of ripening.



Sunny harvests

Thanks to this *magnificent late summer*, the harvests were *peaceful and unhurried*. They began on 25 September with the young Merlot vines and continued for another four weeks. In other words, we were able to wait for each plot and each grape variety to reach *perfect ripeness*.

	HARVESTS	
Merlot	25-sept	02-oct
Cabernet Sauvignon	02-oct	14-oct
Cabernet Franc	02-oct	03-oct
Petit Verdot	13-oct	13-oct

Analysis

	CHÂTEAU BEYCHEVELLE 2014
ABV	14.05
TA (g H2SO4/L)	4
pH	3.64
Anthocyanins (mg/l)	690
Tannins g/l	5.35
TPI	85

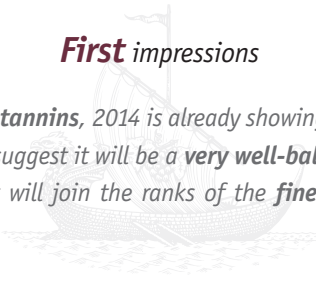
Blends

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Cabernet Sauvignon	39%
Merlot	51%
Cabernet Franc	5%
Petit Verdot	5%
New oak	50%
Yield	38 hl/ha

First impressions

Powerful, with rich colours and tannins, 2014 is already showing at this early stage a *smoothness and length* on the palate which suggest it will be a *very well-balanced* wine.

There can be little doubt that it will join the ranks of the *finest vintages* produced at Château Beychevelle.



Tasting Notes

Well-packed, with plum cake, bramble, blueberry patch and anise notes, all allied to a graphite edge on the finish. Racy acidity underscores everything. Rock-solid.

James Molesworth - Wine Spectator

Beychevelle is superb quality in 2014, best since 2010. Serious fruit and mineral character. Very firm now.

James Suckling

This is a beauty. This wine possesses ample depth and intensity, setting a new standard of quality for Beychevelle.

Jeff Leve - The Wine Cellar Insider

Finesse, distinction, classe naturelle, sans épate, grande longueur, difficile de ne pas aimer.

Michel Bettane



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