Château Belle-Vue 2011

Haut-Médoc



Owners: Heirs Vincent Mulliez

Manager: Isabelle Mulliez

Technical manager: Vincent Bache-Gabrielsen

Planted acreage: 14.59 ha

Density of planting: 6.666 vines/ha

Average age of vines: 29 years (the oldest vines were planted in 1907)

Grape varieties: 53 % Cabernet Sauvignon

27 % Merlot

20 % Petit Verdot.

Type of soil: Corsed texture and deep gravel.

Cultural practices: Severe pruning favoring aeration to have an homogenous

repartition of grapes. Disbudding, thinning out the leaves on both sides and cleaning up. Soil work or weeding in order to

"dig" roots in depth, and obtain the best expression of this soil.

Ripening monitoring by a berry tasting technique, specific to

the estate (board of four wine-tasters, twice a week).

Manual harvest.

Manual sorting on table after stalking.

Harvest dates: From September 10th to October 1st - 2011

Winemaking: Cold Pre-ferment maceration (<5°C) during more than three

weeks.

Exclusive use of release by gravity. No pumping over.

Long post-ferment maceration: average 25 days at stable

temperature 28°C.

Blend: 46 % Cabernet Sauvignon

31 % Merlot

23 % Petit Verdot.

Maturing: 40% new barrels, 60% one year wine barrels.

Duration: Planned 12 to 16 months

Coopers: François Frères 47 %

Taransaud 34 % Cadus 9 % Sylvain 7 % Bossuet 3 %

Enologist adviser: Christophe Coupez.

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