

# Château Bellegrave 2013 Vintage

A vintage calling for great technical expertise!

One of the main characteristics of the 2013 vintage was late flowering during cold, wet weather that led to severe coulure in Merlot.

Green pruning needed to be extremely meticulous and the grapes had to be picked very quickly. Precision winemaking was conducive to deeply-coloured, fruity wines despite the difficult weather conditions.

«Our responsiveness during the harvest, coupled with rigorous sorting during blending enabled us to obtain a very fruity, attractive wine. The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, which constitute the majority at the estate, were ripe and with sufficient structure to provide great balance to the wine.»

Ludovic & Julien Meffre - April 2014



## CHÂTEAU BELLEGRAVE 2013

**Harvest dates :** September 27th to October 8th 2013

**Blend :** 69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot

**Yield :** 40 hl/ha

**Production :** 20 000 bottles (estimation)

## THE ESTATE

**Surface Area :** 8,35 ha

**Soil :** Garonne gravel

**Average age of the vines :** 25 years

**Encépagement :** 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc

**Density :** 8333 vines/ha

**Pruning :** Guyot double

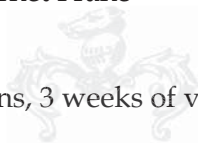
**Winemaking :** Temperature control, maceration in cool conditions, 3 weeks of vatting, traceability monitoring.

**Maturing :** 12 months in barrels, % of new oak depending on vintages (french oak), selection of coope-rages.

**Second wine :** Les Sieurs de Bellegrave

**Owners :** Ludovic & Julien Meffre

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