

Château Bellegrave 2018 Vintage

An unusual vintage which looks set to rival the greatest!

Despite the difficult weather conditions lasting until early summer, we were able to contain the spread of highly aggressive mildew. Subsequent above-average sunshine combined with alternating hot days and cool nights were conducive to optimum grape ripening.

Quick, even véraison (colour change) produced reliably fine wines.

«The weather conditions at the start of the growing season were particularly difficult, but the end result is wonderful. The fact that we were able wait patiently and harvest the grapes 'à la carte' meant that we could extract their quintessential fruitiness. Round, concentrated, and well-balanced with an impressive freshness on the palate, 2018 is unquestionably one of the greatest vintages of the 21st century».



Ludovic & Julien Meffre - March 2019

CHÂTEAU BELLEGRAVE 2018

Harvest dates : September 22th to October 5th 2018

Blend : 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot

Yield : 49 hl/ha

Production : 30 000 bottles (estimation)

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Surface Area : 8,75 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