

# Château Bellegrave

## 2021 Vintage

A vintage that truly reflects its terroir

Spring 2021 was cool and wet in the region, with localised frost. Fortunately, the Gironde Estuary helped to protect our vineyards, sparing them from the vagaries of the weather.

The meteorological conditions were particularly conducive to the spread of mildew, which posed a significant threat throughout the growing season.

While initially slow to emerge, the summer eventually set in, with a sunny and fairly dry month of August, albeit without excess heat. These conditions were favourable to slow, optimum ripening, which led to a later harvest than last year and an equally small crop.

The 2021 vintage saw the return to a classic, technical vintage, with the freshness and structure that Bordeaux wines are famous for.

“After fearing and eventually being spared from the spring frost, this vintage allowed us to showcase our technical expertise in more difficult weather conditions compared to previous years! Predominantly made from Cabernet Sauvignon, with a more traditional balance between alcohol and acidity, our wines are incredibly elegant and harmonious.”

Ludovic & Julien Meffre - April 2022



## CHÂTEAU BELLEGRAVE 2021

**Harvest dates** : September 28 th to October 7th 2021

**Blend** : 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot

**Maturing** : 12 months aging, 35% new barrels

**Bottling date** : Not available

**Yield** : 42 hl/ha

**Production** : 27 000 bottles

**Alcohol by volume** : 13%

## THE ESTATE

**Surface Area** : 9 ha

**Soil** : Garonne gravel

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

**Encépagement** : 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot

**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 cooperages.

**Second wine** : Les Sieurs de Bellegrave

**Owners** : Ludovic & Julien Meffre