

# Château Bellegrave

## 2019 Vintage

Quite, Quite simply, a very good vintage

Early bud break due to the mild winter slowed down vegetative growth, letting flowering take place in cool weather with no significant effects on the future harvest.

The summer was exceptionally hot, leading to significant water stress in the vines, but this was limited by much-awaited rainfall! Therefore, ripening was not halted, conducive to quick and homogeneous véraison (colour change).

Thanks to a dry, warm and sunny month of September, the grapes gradually developed good colour and tannin potential characteristic of a very fine vintage.

“The 2019 vintage at our estates is once again in line with some of the greatest. Even though the vines experienced significant water stress, this did not halt ripening. Wines from this vintage have a high alcohol content, but nevertheless present an impressive fruitiness and a beautiful tannic structure, resulting in a well-balanced blend thanks especially to the remarkable Cabernet Sauvignons!”



Ludovic & Julien Meffre - June 2020

## CHÂTEAU BELLEGRAVE 2019

**Harvest dates :** September 20th to October 7th 2019

**Blend :** 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot

**Yield :** 54 hl/ha

**Production :** 30 000 bottles (estimation)

## THE ESTATE

**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