

Château Bellegrave



THE HISTORY

Château Bellegrave lies in the south of Pauillac, between Château Latour, Pichon-Longueville and Lynch-Bages.

Formerly the property of the late Mr Armand Roux, the estate was purchased in 1901, by his business partner and sole heir, Mr H. Van-Der-Voort, a trader in San-Francisco.

It was in 1997 that Mr J.P Meffre, already the owner of Château Du Glana and Château Lalande in Saint-Julien-Beychevelle, bought it.

Originally from the Comtat Venaissin in the Vaucluse region of south-eastern France, it was in 1954 that Gabriel MEFFRE, a renowned nurseryman in search of places to sell his plants, discovered the Médoc and bought several estates in Saint-Estèphe, Pauillac and Saint-Julien.

Today, his grandsons, Ludovic and Julien, run this new estate.

“We are convinced that Pauillac is the promised land for Cabernet-Sauvignon, the ideal spot for its strength and elegance to express themselves. Our passion for our art drives us on in our search for the most judicious balance between modern methods and the respect for tradition, to ensure that Bellegrave expresses its potential to the full.”

THE TERROIR

The vineyard is certainly one of the oldest in this privileged region and is surrounded by plots of the greatest classified growths in the Pauillac appellation. The estate has 8.30 hectares of vines with an average density of 8,333 vines per hectare.

As the estate’s name suggests, the soil consists of gravel that both enhances drainage and releases heat at night that has accumulated during the day.

Cabernet Sauvignon is the predominant grape variety (62 %), complemented by Merlot (31 %). Cabernet Franc (7 %) contributes additional complexity to the final blend.

Technical expertise combined with meticulous work in the vineyard are conducive to optimum ripeness on this outstanding terroir.

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.

Production : 22 000 bottles of Château Bellegrave

Second wine : Les Sieurs de Bellegrave

Owners : Ludovic & Julien Meffre

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