

Les Sieurs de Bellegrave 2020 Vintage

2020, an extraordinary vintage

While the world went into lockdown during spring, the vine buds burst three weeks earlier than usual, following a very mild winter! As a result, we had to adapt our activities in accordance with health regulations.

High rainfall and warm weather post-flowering increased the threat of mildew in the vineyards. We nevertheless managed to keep the situation under control thanks to our unrelenting attention.

The summer was marked by a series of heatwaves. Hot days and cool nights during the first two weeks of September were conducive to optimum ripening and an early harvest. The 2020 vintage is now looking very promising, with fabulous wines in store, boasting excellent potential!

“Due to the drought conditions, the berries were much smaller than usual, which led volumes to decrease by around 25%. The quality is excellent, with beautifully concentrated, deeply-coloured wines displaying outstanding balance between alcohol, acidity, and silky tannins. 2020 has all the hallmarks of a great vintage, produced in a year that made world history...”



Ludovic & Julien Meffre - April 2021

LES SIEURS DE BELLERAVE 2020

Harvest dates : September 10th to 24th 2020

Blend : 68% Merlot, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc

Maturing : 12 months aging, 10% new barrels

Bottling date : June 2022

Production : 4 500 bottles

Alcohol by volume : 14.5%

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Surface Area : 9 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

First wine : Château Bellegrave

Owners : Ludovic & Julien Meffre