

CHATEAU BELGRAVE

**Exceptional wine born
of century-old skilled expertise.**

Year Founded: 1979

Region: Bordeaux, France

Founder: Gérard de Boissière

Winemaker: Frédéric Bonnaffous

Fun fact: A vineyard set out in a single block, where 95% of the vineyard has remained unchanged since 1855.

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Château Belgrave is a well-regarded wine estate located in the Haut-Médoc appellation of Bordeaux, France. It is classified as a Fifth Growth in the 1855 Bordeaux Wine Official Classification, which is a testament to its quality and reputation. Situated at the extremities of the St-Julien appellation, separated only by a stream, Château Belgrave is one of the Medoc's oldest Cru vineyards. The diversity of soils are well-suited to late-ripening varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, the latter now accounting for 4% of the vineyard. The estate's two gravel outcrops, at 23m and 26m respectively, are made up of gravel and 'galet' pudding stones dating back several thousand years and overlying a clay bedrock. The gravel thins towards the foot of the hillocks, gradually replaced by well-drained gravel and sand, and clay outcrops, which are particularly suited to cultivating Merlot.



Significant efforts are channeled primarily into ensuring optimum fruit quality. To this end, in-depth studies have analyzed the terroir at Château Belgrave, and the correlation between vine growth and the profile of the sub-soil and available water. 75% of the vineyard is now planted at a density of 10,000 vines per hectare. This meticulous undertaking has allowed us to map the entire vineyard with precision, and identify specific zones within each parcel that ripen at the same rate. This in-depth understanding of the vineyard and terroir is instrumental in creating healthy grapes of consistent ripeness and craft highly consistent cuves. The extensive tank room has been entirely renovated, and now contains 33 stainless-steel tanks of varying sizes, including 6 small stainless-steel cone-shaped tanks. The barrel hall, which is partly buried underground, provides ideal conditions for ageing our wines.



2019 Haut-Medoc

The estate's fine wine. 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot. It reveals all the finesse and character of this great terroir. Dense and deep, it is an age-worthy wine with fresh, complex flavors, and very 'Saint-Julien' in style. Stainless-steel vats of various capacities. Malolactic fermentation partially in barrels. 12 months in oak barrels (32% of which are new) on fine lees.

With its floral bouquet, revealing a touch of violet, it exudes lush black cherry and blackberry fruits. The wine is clean on the attack, and gains in concentration on the palate, underpinned by impressive tannic structure, lovely balance and good length. Lingering aromas, culminating in lovely floral character and dark fruits on the finish. This is an impressively age-worthy wine that embodies all the elegance of the Château Belgrave terroir.

94 Points - James Suckling

92 Points - Wine Enthusiast