

CHATEAU
CLAUD-BELLEVUE

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

2018

90% MERLOT- 10% CABERNET FRANC

FRESHNESS & DEPTH

THE VINEYARD

10 HA ON THE SAME CALCAREOUS HILLS THAT CAN BE FOUND IN ST-EMILION, THE SOIL IS MADE OUT OF THIN LAYERS OF CLAY THAT GIVE A CERTAIN LIGHTNESS AND EXUBERANCE TO THE WINE. AVERAGE VINE AGE HERE IS 15 YEARS OLD, PLANTED AT A DENSITY OF 5 000 VINES/HA. THIS YEAR WE HAVE STARTED OUR RESTRUCTURATION PLAN OF THE VINEYARD IN ORDER TO REACH OPTIMUM SOIL/GRAPE-VARIETY COMBINATION. THE CURRENT BREAKDOWN IS 53% MERLOT, 29% CABERNET FRANC ON THE MORE CALCAREOUS AREAS, AND SOME OLD VINES OF CABERNET SAUVIGNON. SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT IN THE VINEYARD: NO HERBICIDE, CEREALS AND LEGUMES ARE GROWN FOR BETTER SOIL OXYGENATION AND AS GREEN FERTILIZER. HARVESTED BY HAND SEPTEMBER 25TH TO OCTOBER 9TH 2018

WINEMAKING & MATURATION

WHOLE-BUNCH FERMENTATION. 30 DAYS OF CUIVAISON.
MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION IN VATS AND BARRELS (1/3 NEW, 1/3 ONE-YEAR OLD, 1/3 TWO-YEARS OLD)
MATURATION FOR 12 MONTHS IN BARRELS AND 12 MONTHS IN VATS
10 367 BOTTLES AND 130 MAGNUMS WERE PRODUCED
15% VOL.

NOTES & ACCOLADES

JAMES SUCKLING	93/100
LISA PERROTTI-BROWN	89-91/100
JEB DUNNUCK	88-90/100
YVES BECK	90-92/100

FRESH NOSE OF RIPE FRUIT, HINTS OF CHOCOLATE. THE TANNINS ARE SOFT AND BRING DEPTH TO THE WINE. TO DRINK OR TO HOLD FOR A FEW YEARS (TASTED 26/02/21 IN SAINTE-COLOMBE)

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