

CHATEAU
CLAUD-BELLEVUE

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

2020

80% MERLOT- 20% CABERNET FRANC

FRUITINESS & DEPTH

THE VINEYARD

10 HA ON CALCAREOUS HILLS, THE SOIL IS MADE OUT OF THIN LAYERS OF CLAY THAT GIVE GENEROSITY AND BALANCE TO THE WINE. AVERAGE VINE AGE HERE IS 15 YEARS OLD, PLANTED AT A DENSITY OF 5 000 TO 7 400 VINES/HA. WITH OUR RESTRUCTURATION PLAN OF THE VINEYARD THAT STARTED IN 2018 IN ORDER TO REACH OPTIMUM SOIL/GRAPE-VARIETY COMBINATION, WE HAVE KEPT A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF MERLOT, WHILE CABERNET FRANC IS INCREASING ON THE MORE CALCAREOUS AREAS,

WHILE SOME OLD VINES OF CABERNET SAUVIGNON REMAIN.

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT IN THE VINEYARD: NO HERBICIDE, CEREALS AND LEGUMES ARE GROWN FOR BETTER SOIL OXYGENATION AND AS GREEN FERTILIZER.

HARVESTED BY HAND FROM SEPTEMBER 18TH 2020.

WINEMAKING & MATURATION

WHOLE-BUNCH FERMENTATION. EXTRACTION BY RACK-AND-RETURN.

30 DAYS OF CUVASON.

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION IN VATS AND BARRELS (1/3 NEW, 1/3 ONE-YEAR OLD, 1/3 TWO-YEARS OLD)

AGING FOR 12 MONTHS IN BARRELS AND 12 MONTHS IN VATS

12,830 BOTTLES AND 60 MAGNUMS WERE PRODUCED

14,5% VOL.

1ST VINTAGE WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION HVE3

NOTES & ACCOLADES

JAMES SUCKLING	92/100
ANTONIO GALLONI	91/100
CONCOURS DE BORDEAUX 2023	GOLD
DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS 2024	95/100 GOLD
MUNDUS VINI 2024	GOLD
CONCOURS DE BRUXELLES 2024	GOLD

THE NOSE IS ELEGANT WITH MINTY NOTES THAT SUPPORT THE DENSE AND INTENSE RIPE FRUIT, SPICES AND ROASTED AROMAS.

ON THE PALATE, IT IS BOTH A FRESH AND BROAD FIRST IMPRESSION THAT CONTINUES THROUGH THE MID-PALATE

WITH AGE, THIS WINE IS KEEPING ITS SMOOTHNESS WHILE REFINING ITS RICH TANNIC STRUCTURE.

THIS CLAUD BELLEVUE IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THE POWER AND CREAMINESS OF THE MERLOT IN A VERY RIPE VINTAGE.

ADVISED BY DERENONCOURT CONSULTANTS SINCE 2012
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