

"Vignobles de Terroirs"

CHÂTEAU BEL AIR

BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR AOC

The wines under the Bordeaux Supérieur appellation form a selection from Bordeaux wines, being subject to more stringent production and ageing conditions. They offer all the characteristics of top quality wines, suitable for cellaring. Bordeaux Supérieur wines are full-bodied with a range of aromas and flavours which will appeal to all wine connoisseurs.

History

This 72-hectare estate belonging to the Taillan Group operates under the "Bordeaux Supérieur" AOC. Located in the communes of Saint-Ferme (54 hectares) and Rimons (18 hectares), it is in the heart of the appellation which represents over half of the vineyards in the Gironde, the largest producer of fine wines in the world. The majority of the vineyard, originally planted in 1960 under the name of Château Mougneaux, was replanted in 1995 and changed its name to Château Bel Air. The restructuring operation enabled the vat-room to be equipped with temperature-controlled vats holding a total of 19,800 hectolitres and the construction of a barrel-cellar.



Château Bel Air at Saint-Ferme

Place of the estate	Saint-Ferme & Rimons
Average production	630,000 bottles
Soil	Clay and limestone
Grape varieties	82% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon
Average age of the vines	25 years
Area of the vineyard	72 hectares
Vinification	Traditional in temperature-controlled stainless steel vats
Ageing	Vats & barrels
Bottling	At the château
Tasting notes	

This dense wine, with a deep purple colour, has a complex, balanced nose combining aromas of ripe dark fruit, woody notes and spicy touches. On the palate, it is full-bodied, fat and opulent, marked by a mellow acidity and ripe, round tannins.

Matching with food

A clean, well-made wine which will go perfectly with a sirloin steak in a wine sauce or a baron of lamb.

Cellaring potential

To be enjoyed now, or kept for 5 to 6 years.

