



2016 CHÂTEAU BELLEVUE

Côtes de Bordeaux-Castillon

Cuvée Vieilles Vignes

France – Bordeaux – Côtes de Bordeaux-Castillon AOC

ABOUT CHÂTEAU BELLEVUE

Château Bellevue was founded by Michel & Catherine Lydoire in 1998, with the estate's oldest origins dating to the 1960's. Upon arrival at the estate, one immediately understands the name Bellevue, which means "nice view". Michel & Catherine's daughter, Céline, now serves as the winemaker, with help from her father and guidance from oenologists Thomas Duclos and Gilles Pauquet (Château Cheval Blanc's former enologist). The estate has 30 acres of 40-year-old vines on the sandy clay & limestone hillsides of Saint Emilion. Château Bellevue is certified level 2 by AREA for their consistent efforts toward sustainability.

ABOUT THE WINE

The wine offers a rich and intense bouquet of blackcurrant, blackberry and strawberry. It is smooth and full in the mouth with a velvety texture. Acidity combined with firm but well-integrated tannins are a fine supporting cast to the black fruit flavors at the end.

RATING

91 PTS – WINE & SPIRITS

Appellation	Côtes de Bordeaux-Castillon AOC
Varietal(s)	65% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Franc
Vinification	Cold maceration for 3 days; temperature-controlled fermentation; 4 daily remontages during alcoholic fermentation; post fermentation maceration for 15 days. Aged 12 months in mostly new oak barrels (90% French oak and 10% American oak) and some Château Haut Brion 2nd Barrels.
Soil Type	Sandy clay & limestone
Agricultural Practices	Sustainable
Size	12/750ml
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