

CHÂTEAU BEL-AIR ORTET

Saint-Estèphe
2012



Our Chateaux

Real craftsmanship is accomplished in this tiny vineyard... Step by step, on this unique terroir, is it possible to produce a wine of truly rare power and generosity? Each new vintage delivers a great classic. The vineyard of Château Bel-Air Ortet, situated up against the village of Saint-Estèphe, benefits from an essentially gravelly and remarkably well-drained sub-soil. Its wines with their deep tannins are full-bodied and harmonious. As with all the truly great wines from Saint-Estèphe, a few years in the cellar will enhance all their outstanding qualities.

THE VINEYARD

Location : Saint-Estèphe
Terroirs : Gravelly hilltops
Surface area : 3,5 hectares
Planting density : 8000 Vine / ha

Yield : 52 hl / ha
Grape varieties : Cabernet-Sauvignon, Merlot
Average age of the vine : 25 years

THE WINE

Blend

52% Merlot, 48% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Vinification

Cold maceration for 4 days then still fermentation for 32 days at 27°C.

Ageing

Put into barrels as soon as the fermentation is finished, ageing in French barrels for 12 months, 35% new barrels

Ageing potential

Ready to drink now, this wine will reach its full potential around 2020/2022.

Tasting

A magnificent shimmering colour is accompanied by a complex, subtle nose that reveals notes of charred wood mingled with black fruit in brandy. This wine can be drunk now but the tightly structured tannins guarantee a good capacity to age.

Food pairing

Enjoy with red and white meat and also with soft cheese.



AWARDS

- Silver Concours Général Agricole de Paris 2014
- Silver Concours des Grands Vins de France Mâcon 2014
- Silver Concours de Bordeaux Vins d'Aquitaine 2014
- 91 Pts Wine Enthusiast 2016

