CHÂTEAU BEL-AIR ORTET

SAINT-ESTÈPHE - 2013

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 gravely 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-ESTEPHE

TERROIRS: GRAVELLY HILLTOPS

SURFACE AREA: 3,5 HECTARES.

PLANTING DENSITY: 8 000 VINE / HECTARE.

YIELD: 52 HECTOLITERS / HECTARE.

GRAPES VARIETIES: MERLOT, CABERNET-SAUVIGNON

AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINE: 25 YEARS.

The Wine **Blend** CHÂTEAU BEL-AIR ORTET 52% Merlot, 48% Cabernets. **Vinification** Cold maceration for a 4 days then still fermentation for 32 days at 27°C. BORDEAUX O **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 2021/2023.

Elegant colour with beautiful glints of ruby.

The rich, complex nose is dominated by notes of burnt wood and dried flowers. On the palate, this wine presents superb harmony with the distinguished character of a great terroir.

Food Pairing

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



