

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 : 8 000 VINE / HECTARE.

YIELD : 52 HECTOLITERS / HECTARE.

GRAPES VARIETIES : MERLOT, CABERNET-SAUVIGNON

AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINE : 25 YEARS.

## THE WINE



### Blend

52% Merlot, 48% Cabernets.

### Vinification

Cold maceration for a 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 2023/2025.

### Tasting

Very complex nose, with toasted, vanilla notes from the oak barrel ageing; full-bodied, distinguished palate, the expression of a superb terroir in a great vintage.

### Food Pairing

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

## AWARDS

Bronze, Concours National des Vins de Macon, 2017

Bronze, Concours de Bordeaux Vins d'Aquitaine, 2017

