

APPELLATION Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

CLASSIFICATION 1° Grand Cru Classé

VINEYARD SIZE 23.5 hectares (58 acres)

SOIL TYPES Asteriated limestone on the plateau Blue clay on limestone in the slopes

VINEYARD GRAPE VARIETALS 90% Merlot - 10% Cabernet Franc

> AVERAGE VINE AGE 25 years

VITICULTURE

«Culture raisonnée» Soil tilling (4 ways) Vine growth management adapted to the climatic conditions

HARVEST

Manual harvest Double sorting: optical and manual

WINEMAKING

In thermo-regulated concrete and stainless-steel vats Gentle, controlled maceration and extraction

AGING 16-18 months in French oak barrels (50% new)

2014 VINTAGE BLEND 88% Merlot - 12% Cabernet Franc



CHÂTEAU BÉLAIR-MONANGE

PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSÉ

Château Bélair-Monange traces its origins back to Roman times. Situated at the highest point of Saint-Émilion's famed limestone plateau, it has long been considered one of the region's very best crus. By 1850 it was ranked by Cocks & Feret as the leading wine of Saint-Émilion, a position it held well into the twentieth century.

Établissements Jean-Pierre Moueix purchased the iconic Château in 2008 and immediately undertook extensive renovations of the vineyard, winery, underground quarries, and château in order to restore the cru to its rightful historic status.

In 2012, Château Magdelaine, a contiguous Premier Grand Cru Classé acquired by Jean-Pierre Moueix in 1952, was merged into Château Bélair-Monange. The name 'Monange,' in addition to its literal translation, 'my angel,' was the maiden name of Jean-Pierre Moueix's mother, Anne-Adèle, the first Moueix woman to call Saint-Émilion her home.

Château Bélair-Monange combines the terroirs of the most privileged sites of Saint-Émilion. The limestone from the central plateau parcels offers freshness, minerality, and delicate, lingering aromatics, while the dense, blue clay of the slopes provides intensity, length, and a unique elegance to the wine.

2014 VINTAGE

« Ripeness is all» (Shakespeare, King Lear)

The winter of 2013/14 saw a series of violent storms, heavy rainfall and exceptional mildness. Although the weather calmed down somewhat by the spring, the mildness remained.

The warm, dryer conditions allowed for an even flowering. Summer was again marked by powerful storms and rains but this hot, wet weather positively encouraged the active growth of the vines.

The conditions became much dryer towards the end of August, and the heat remained a constant throughout September and well into October, ensuring that 2014 would be a vintage of great quality.

Harvest took place from September 27th to October 8th.