

**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

Certified HVE3 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)

**2018 VINTAGE BLEND** 98% Merlot - 2% 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.

## 2018 VINTAGE

« Stand out of my sun » Diogenes of Sinope to Alexander the Great

Winter and spring were very rainy. A late budbreak, noted on April 9<sup>th</sup>, allowed us to avoid a spring frost. The flowering, from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, went well and the potential quality was significant.

The rainy spring caused a severe attack of mildew, which was thwarted thanks to the considerable efforts of our vineyard workers. Throughout the summer, a team of 60 crop-thinned, adapting the desired yield to the parcel and the age of the vines. Near-perfect balance was the reward for 16,800 hours of meticulous work. Véraison took place from July 26<sup>th</sup> to August 12<sup>th</sup>.

The main characteristic of this vintage was the 1,136 hours of sunshine between June and September, a notable record of the past fifty years. Harvest, graced with sunny skies and warm temperatures, took place from September 18<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>.