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**BÉLAIR
MONANGE**
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SAINT-ÉMILION

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« On dirait le vin totalement insouciant de son élevage, imperceptible. Le fruit possède un côté joyeux et agreste qui convient admirablement à sa profondeur. Il affiche une subtilité tannique très volontaire. La qualité de la texture propulse la bouche dans un grand élan frais. »

Decanter

97 pts, Jane Anson

« There's no question that Bélaïr-Monange is signalling its intent to take on the very best wines of St-Emilion. The smoky oak notes dominate at first, more than in the 2015, but this was only bottled one year ago and it settles in the glass after five minutes. It has wonderful grip and impact, sizzling from the first moment with pulses of electricity and a vertical ride from the clearly evident minerality, both in taste and texture, joined by rich, precise blackberry and blueberry fruits. »

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99 pts, James Suckling

« Incredibly perfumed aromas of roses and violets, as well as blue fruit and lavender. Full-bodied and powerful, yet so full of finesse and vibrance. The height of elegance! Such depth of chalk and dark berries. It goes on for minutes. »


WINE ADVOCATE

97+ pts, Lisa Perrotti-Brown

« A blend of 92% Merlot and 8% Cabernet Franc, the medium to deep garnet-purple colored 2016 Belair Monange comes strutting out of the glass like a total rock star with gregarious red cherries, blackberries and warm plums scents plus hints of lavender, rose hip tea, powdered cinnamon, cigar box and camphor. Medium-bodied, it completely fills the palate with vibrant red and black fruit layers, framed by a firm backbone of grainy tannins and wonderful freshness, finishing long and perfumed. »

Wine Spectator

97 pts, James Molesworth

« The fruit—plum, fig and black currant—is decidedly dark in profile now, but it is very, very pure, with sleek and racy definition throughout. There's a swath of tobacco and alluring toast as well, but this red is defined on its back end by a bolt of chalky minerality that is buried deep and should emerge fully with extended cellaring. »