



Chateau Tour Bel Air Haut Medoc

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION

In 2006, four friends, agricultural engineers joined force to acquire the Chateau Tour Bel Air, a seven and one half hectares vineyards located in Haut Medoc, near Cissac.

Patrice Belly manages the estate with the help of his three other associates, Bruno Millet, Christophe Millet and Jacques Decoeur.

The terroir is particularly interesting, located five miles away from the Garonne river, near Saint Estephe and Pauillac and planted with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.

On average, the vine is 35 years-old. The older plots of land are 50 years-old, the most recent ones are 10 years-old. The plantation density is homogeneous and approaches 7500 vines per hectare. The two thirds of the plots are located on a clayey soil, which represents a soil of higher quality than the sandier soils.

The vineyard is cultivated traditionally: planted with high density, double guyot trimming, and partial green harvest. The harvest is done partially by hand for the old vines and with the help of machines for the young vines. The team aims to obtain a ripe and good-quality fruit harvest, reaching an optimum yield.

The grapes macerate for a few days in a combination of concrete and stainless steel tanks before the fermentation takes place and is then aged for about twenty months, ten of them in oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Deep red colour, the wine is fruity with notes of under-wood. In the mouth, it is ample with a good tannic structure.



Appellation : Haut-Médoc

Soil : clay mixed with gravels (pebbles)

Varietals : Cabernet Sauvignon 50% Merlot 50%

Surface : 7,8 hectares

Age of vines : 35 years old on the average
(the oldest are 50 !)

Density : 7500 plants per hectare

Harvest : mechanic and manual for the oldest vines

Ageing : 8 months in oak barrels

PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Patrice BELLY

Region: Bordeaux

Country: France

