

CHÂTEAU HAUT SELVE RESERVE 2018

SINGLE ESTATE

Château Haut Selve is the only creation of vineyard in Bordeaux in the 20th Century. The vineyard was planted in the historical Graves Appellation area over a pine forest where vines used to grow 120 years ago.

Each step of Chateau Haut Selve's creation was thought and carried out as if it was a piece of art. The history of art and wine is the particularity of this property that is known to be one of the top five in Graves.

Our first vintage was released in 1996, and now we proudly release 2018 as our 23th Anniversary vintage.

DEEP GRAVELY SOIL / GRAND BOS PLOT

THE VINEYARD

- Density : 2250 vines/acre
- Pruning : double guyot
- Sun exposed leaf area up to 3.2 acres
- Organic manure (faba beans and oats) and then scraping of the soils
- Limited yields: 42 hl/ha in 2018
- Sustainable agriculture
- The cuvée Reserve is only issued from the specific plot of **Grand Bos**

INDIVIDUAL PLOT VINIFICATION AND AGEING

- Vatting by hand for Cabernet Sauvignon, a part of them with rachis
- Alcoholic fermentation controlled between 26 and 28°C
- Malolactic fermentation in new oak barrels
- Ageing : 12 months in French oak barrels (50% are new; average heating)
- Coopers: Taransaud, Ana Sélection and Nadalié

THE WINE

The 2018 Reserve cuvee is a blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Merlot. This complex wine will be enjoyed from today until 2030.

With beautiful cherry tints and brilliant reflects, this wine offers an intense nose of jammed morello cherry, with elegant floral and woody notes.

The attack in mouth reveals that Cabernet Sauvignon were harvested on time giving a ripe complexity. The palate is well balanced thanks to elegant tannins without any artificial demonstration of strength. It is tight but smooth with a long floral finish and shows that the wine comes from a great terroir.



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Christian LANGLADE
Winemaker

2018 is the first vintage produced in collaboration with Stephane Derenoncourt consulting team.

Spring has been mild and humid offering ideal conditions for the buds to sprout out.

The beginning of the summer, sunny and very dry has guaranteed an homogenous and successful blooming.

July and August rain showers have kept us alert and cautious to maintain the vineyard in good condition.

Leaf thinning and a rigorous tracking of the grapes and bunches growth prevented any risk of early rot, allowing harvests at optimal ripeness.

The expected result falls in line with all the efforts and technical improvements made over this 2018 campaign, making our 23rd vintage the most stunning of the property.

The Cabernet Sauvignon, emblematic varietal of Bordeaux left bank finds in the Grand Bos plot an ideal setting for a successful growth.

With a deep gravel soil, a warm microclimate and a subsoil rich in groundwater, this parcel offers unique conditions for the development of the roots and for an optimal ripening of the grapes.

We have learned from our world wide experience in the wine sector that it is extremely rare to find such conditions gathered in a same plot. We have found them at the Grand Bos where grapes harvested at optimal ripeness will offer intense floral aromas with a powerful yet silky texture to this assemblage.

Frédéric Massie – Derenoncourt Consultants



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