



Domaine de Bellevue Le Grand Millésime

Vintage: 2009

Description: Domaine de Bellevue Le Grand Millésime is a very limited edition of 100% merlot grapes. This wine is only produced in great Bordeaux Merlot years.

Appellation: AOC Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

Cépages: 100% Merlot

Yield: 3.3 hectares of land, producing a low yield 35 hectolitres per hectare. Less than 600 bottles produced in 2009.

Terroir: Limestone forms the base of this hillside vineyard going from 60cm to 1.2m deep, a light covering of clay permits well drained soils. The soil is well rested after being abandoned for over 40 years. An additional benefit is the lack of any pesticide use during this period.

Climate: Situated on a hillside overlooking the Garonne, the vineyard has a sunny aspect. Maritime effects from its proximity to the Garonne, result in milder winters and cooler summers.

Cultivation: High density vineyard planted at 6666 plants per hectare. Traditional methods of viticulture, integrated agriculture and biodynamic approach.

Analysis: Alcohol 13% Vol

Winemaking: Hand harvesting, sorting table, cold pre-fermentation, alcoholic fermentation with pigeage, malolactic fermentation, post fermentation at 23°C. The wine is aged in new French Oak barrels for 18 months before bottling. Six months refining in bottle.

Serving: Serve at 23°C in large glasses after a short period of decanting in carafe.

