

CHATEAU
Bellefont-Belcier

SAINT-EMILION
GRAND CRU CLASSE



Créé à la fin du XVIII^e siècle, Château Bellefont-Belcier est idéalement situé sur la côte Sud de Saint-Emilion, cotoyant Château Pavie, Château Larcis-Ducasse et Château Tertre Roteboeuf.

A la fin du XVIII^e siècle, Château Bellefont-Belcier appartenait à une puissante famille de la noblesse bordelaise. Le comte Louis-François de Belcier avait d'abord fondé le vignoble, puis, au début du XIX^e siècle, il bâtit le Château qu'il nomma Bellefont (Son nom signifie Belle Fontaine en référence aux nombreuses sources cachées sur la colline où les vignes plongent leurs racines.)

Des travaux importants de restructuration du vignoble ont été entrepris en 1994. Château Bellefont-Belcier a été classée en 2006 Grand Cru Classé.

Peter Kwok a acquis la propriété en 2017.

CHÂTEAU BELLEFONT-BELCIER 2016 - FACTS

SURFACE	13,5 hectares
ENCÉPAGEMENT	65% Merlot - 20 % Cabernet Franc - 15% Cabernet Sauvignon
SOLS	Plateau calcaire, Coteau Sud Argilo-Calcaire
DATES VENDANGES	du 11 au 22 octobre
VINIFICATION	Gestion parcellaire, culture traditionnelle, enherbement naturel, respect des équilibres environnementaux. Stockage de la récolte en chambre froide. Réception gravitaire avec au préalable double table de tri et double table vibrante. Macération à basse température en cuves bétons et bois thermorégulées, de petite capacité. Fermentation malolactique en cuve et en barrique.
ELEVAGE	80% barriques neuves - 20% barriques 1-vin
PRODUCTION	50 000 bouteilles

DEGUSTATION

Couleur grenat-pourpre profond. Un caractère sexy et floral.

Une remarquable fraîcheur accompagne les arômes riches de fruits noirs. Tannins polis qui complètent les fruits rouges mûrs ainsi que la réglisse.

En finale, une minéralité très prolongée.



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REVUE DE PRESSE

JAMES SUCKLING - 95

« Very fresh with fine dry tannins that carry the concentrated and ripe palate very nicely. I love the floral and currant bouquet that's very enticing, in spite of the wine's youth. Lots of blackcurrant and tobacco. A blend of 65 per cent merlot, 20 per cent cabernet franc and 15 per cent cabernet sauvignon. Try in 2020.» *James Suckling February 2019*

ROBERTPARKER.COM - 93+

« The 2016 Bellefont Belcier is blended of 65% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon. It was aged for 20 months in 80% new and 20% one-year-old barrels. Michel Rolland consults for this wine. Deep garnet-purple in color, it gives delicate dried flowers, garigue, dusty soil and smoked meats over warm black plums and blackberry preserves with hints of menthol. The palate is full-bodied, concentrated and muscular with a rock-solid structure and loads of layered black fruit in the mid-palate, with a lingering earthiness to the finish. » *Lisa Perrotti-Brown November 2018*

JEB DUNNUCK - 95+

« The 2016 Château Bellefont-Belcier was truly brilliant on all three occasions I was able to taste it, rating 95 twice and 97 once. Coming from a 13,5-hectare vineyard on the magical Côte Pavie (it's right next door to Larcis-Ducasse) and a blend of 65% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon aged 20 months in 80% new oak, it offers a black fruit-driven style as well as loads of black raspberries, black cherries, graphite, leafy herbs, and hints of incense. It's powerful, full-bodied, has building sweet tannins, and the rock star purity of fruit that's the hallmark of the vintage. It's an awesome wine to drink over the coming 20-25 years. *Jeb Dunnuck February 2019*

WINE SPECTATOR - 92

« Warm and lush in feel, delivering soft-edged fig, boysenberry and blackberry compote flavors infused liberally with ganache and black licorice accents. Ample toast hints drape over the finish, and this is definitely accessible, but a good buried graphite note should also help it develop with a bit of cellaring. Drink now through 2032. » *James Molesworth March 2019*

VINOUS - 92

« The 2016 Bellefont-Belcier is a powerful, muscular Saint-Émilion with huge tannins that wrap around a core of dark fruit. Graphite, melted road tar, dark cherry, smoke and leather add to an impression of pure virile power. It will be interesting to see if the 2016 softens with time in bottle. Today, it is very much a bruiser. » *Antonio Galloni January 2019*

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER - JEFF LEVE - 94

"The wine is soft, sexy, polished, ripe and vibrant, with a strong floral note, that adds to all the ripe, dark red berries, licorice and earthy notes." *Jeff Leve May 2018*

