

CHATEAU  
*Bellefont-Belcier*

SAINT-EMILION  
GRAND CRU CLASSE



Créé à la fin du XVIII<sup>e</sup> 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<sup>e</sup> 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<sup>e</sup> 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 2017 - FACTS

<b>SURFACE</b>	13,5 hectares
<b>ENCÉPAGEMENT</b>	70% Merlot - 25 % Cabernet Franc - 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>SOLS</b>	Plateau calcaire, Coteau Sud Argilo-Calcaire
<b>DATES VENDANGES</b>	du 1er au 17 octobre
<b>VINIFICATION</b>	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.
<b>ELEVAGE</b>	40% barriques neuves - 30% barriques 1-vin - 30% barriques 2-vins
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	35 000 bouteilles

## DEGUSTATION

Minéralité, vin délicat qui demande que l'on aille le chercher, sous-bois, mousse humide tanins ronds, pleins, jolie puissance, finale saline, fruits noirs.



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## REVUE DE PRESSE

### JAMES SUCKLING - 94

«Dark fruit with chocolate and a hint of coffee on the nose. Medium to full body, fine tannins and a juicy finish. The toasted oak is a little predominant now, but this is going to come together beautifully. Excellent length.» *James Suckling December 2019*

### ROBERTPARKER.COM - 91

«Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2017 Bellefont Belcier wears its cedary oak at the forefront at this stage, giving way to scents of baked blackberries, black cherries and mulberries plus wafts of Christmas cake and tobacco. Medium-bodied, the palate is firmly textured with grainy tannins and has a great core of muscular fruit, finishing with a lovely herbal lift. A blend of 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, the wine was aged for 20 months in French oak, 40% new.» *Lisa Perotti-Brown March 2020*

### JEB DUNNUCK - 94+

«One of my favorite estates in Saint-Emilion, the 2017 Chateau Bellefont-Belcier comes from a 13.5-hectare vineyard on the Cote Pavie (it's right beside Larcis-Ducasse). Mostly Merlot blended with small amounts of Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, it's a rocking wine in the vintage and has loads of red and black currant-driven fruit as well as notes of crushed rocks, white truffle, dried flowers, and a kiss of chocolate. With beautiful minerality, a rich, medium to full-bodied mouthfeel, building tannins, and a great finish, it's an undeniable success in this vintage that should be snatched up by readers. Hide bottles for 4-5 years and enjoy over the following two decades. Tasted three times.» *Jeb Duncuk February 2020*

### VINOUS NEAL MARTIN - 92

«The 2017 Bellefont-Belcier matured in 40% new oak for 20 months. This has a well-defined bouquet with perfumed blackberry, boysenberry and crushed violet aromas, one of the purest that I have encountered in recent vintages. The palate builds on the promise it showed from barrel, fleshy with gentle grip, lightly spiced with a touch of black pepper towards the finish. There is good potential here, although I would afford it five or six years in bottle.» - *Neal Martin February 2020*

### ANTONIO GALLONI - 91

«The 2017 Bellefont-Belcier is powerful, but also a bit rough around the edges. Black cherry, plum, chocolate, leather and savory herbs start to open with a bit of time in the glass.» *Antonio Galloni February 2020*

### THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER - JEFF LEVE - 93

“The first vintage for new owner Peter Kwok is deep in color. The medium/full bodied, fresh, bright, black cherry, licorice and chocolate filled wine offers soft textures, freshness and minerality in the finish. The wine was made from blending 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon.” *-Jeff Leve April 2017*

