



LES PARCELLES N°7

BLAYE CÔTES DE BORDEAUX 2018

SINGULAR VINEYARD:

Single-vineyard wines are made to reflect a single truth: that a wine draws its depth and complexity from the unique conditions, soil and micro-climate from which its vines grow. Many factors will affect the profile of the wine, from the soil type and grape variety to the individual micro-climate, sun exposure, aridity and humidity.

In partnership with Stéphane Derenoncourt, The Bouey Family applyied this terroir approach and has identified the best single vineyards in several iconic growing appellations around Bordeaux. The wines are made in collaboration with the growers themselves, and are then blended to create wines of supreme elegance and sensuality.

TERROIR

Moving north up the Gironde, on the right bank as the estuary gives way to the Atlantic, you'll find yourself in Blayais wine country. These hillsides and plateaux sculpt a landscape of clay and chalky soil, the perfect environment for Merlot to blossom and shine. Six individual vineyards have been selected from the slopes of the Mazion, overlooking the estuary to the north-east of the Blaye Citadel. Here, the climate is temperate and the land is blessed with abundant sunshine (an exceptional 240 days per year). The estuary opens out onto the western horizon, bringing bracing winds to cool the vineyards above.

GRAPE VARIETY:

Merlot et Cabernet Franc

VINIFICATION & AGEING:

The initial fermentation, in concrete vats kept at a steady 30°C, is followed by 25 days' maceration. The must is pumped over, then racked and returned to extract colour and tannin before a series of tastings decides the perfect moment to rack off the wine for good. It is then matured for 9 months on fine lees, 80% in vats and 20% with alternative wood for added depth.

TASTING:

Exhibiting a deep, violet-red colour, this wine releases aromas of ripe fruit and spice which give way to some complex floral notes. The palate opens elegantly, with a beautiful structure carrying flavours of black cherry and oak all the way to the finish.

ABV: 14,5%



Stéphane Derenoncourt : The most talented winemaker in Bordeaux.

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