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ANNONCE DE BÉLAIR-MONANGE 2014

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

Château Bélair-Monange was born from the fusion of the vineyards of Châteaux Bélair and Magdelaine, both historic First Classified Growths of Saint-Émilion.

Appellation	Saint-Émilion Grand Cru
Area under vine	23.5 hectares (58 acres)
Soil types	Limestone on the plateau. Clay on limestone in the slopes
Vineyard grape varietals	90% Merlot - 10% Cabernet Franc
Average vine age	25 years
Viticulture	« Culture raisonnée » Soil tilling (4 ways) Vine growth management adapted to the climatic conditions
Harvest	Manual harvest Double sorting: manual and optical
Winemaking	In thermo-regulated concrete and stainless-steel vats Gentle & controlled maceration & extraction
Aging	16 months in French oak barrels (30% new)

History

Château Bélair was acquired by Ets. Jean-Pierre Moueix in 2008. Tracing its origins back to Roman times, the vineyard is situated at the highest point of Saint-Émilion's famed limestone plateau. Château Magdelaine, a contiguous cru acquired in 1952, has always been renowned for the remarkable elegance of its wines. Château Bélair-Monange expresses the unique style of the greatest parcels of these two complementary terroirs.

Following the restructuring of the estate initiated in 2008, another wine embodying the inherent qualities of the vineyard – minerality, concentration of red berries, balance and length – emerged in 2014: ANNONCE DE BÉLAIR-MONANGE

Produced in very limited quantities, ANNONCE enjoys the same attention as the Grand Vin: meticulous vineyard work undertaken with respect for the environment followed by a manual harvest once the grapes have reached optimal maturity. Vinification takes place in concrete and stainless-steel vats, where maceration and extraction are gentle and measured in order to allow the fruit its highest expression. The wine is then aged in French oak barrels.

Although ANNONCE exhibits great charm in its youth, a few years of cellaring or a few hours of decanting will be largely rewarded.

James Suckling - 93 Points

Vibrant aromas of blackberries, currants and flowers follow through to a medium to full body, ultra-fine tannins and a savory aftertaste. A lovely softness and refinement to this young 2014. Gentle. New second wine of Bélair-Monage. Drink in 2020.

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