

2021 CHÂTEAU BÉLAIR-MONANGE

SAINT-ÉMILION 1^{er} GRAND CRU CLASSÉ

99% MERLOT - 1% CABERNET FRANC

Château Bélaïr-Monange has always been ranked at the top of the Premiers Grands Crus Classés of Saint-Émilion and its origins are very old (apparently back to the ancient Gaul).



2021 Vintage Blend:	99% Merlot - 1% Cabernet Franc
Vineyard size:	58 acres
Soil Types:	Limestone on the plateau Blue clay on limestone in the slopes
Average vine age:	25 years
Viticulture:	Certified HVE3, 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:	16-18 months in French oak barrels (50% new)

History: Château Bélaïr-Monange traces its origins back to Roman times. Situated at the highest point of Saint-Émilion's famed limestone plateau, it has long been considered one of the region's very best crus. By 1850 it was ranked by Cocks & Feret as the leading wine of Saint-Émilion, a position it held well into the twentieth century. Établissements Jean-Pierre Moueix purchased the iconic Château in 2008 and immediately undertook extensive renovations of the vineyard, winery, underground quarries, and château in order to restore the cru to its rightful historic status.

The estate was renamed « Bélaïr-Monange » in honor of Jean-Pierre Moueix's mother, Anne-Adèle Monange, the first Moueix woman to call Saint-Émilion her home. Château Bélaïr-Monange combines the terroirs of the most privileged sites of Saint-Émilion. The limestone from the central plateau parcels offers freshness, minerality, and delicate, lingering aromatics, while the dense, blue clay of the south slopes provides intensity, length, and a unique elegance to the wine.

2021 Vintage: The 2021 vintage demanded careful attention throughout the year, but the challenge united the vigneronnes and vignerons who produced, thanks to their efforts, a crop of good quality. Fastidious vineyard work, a gentle approach in the cellar, attention to detail and judicious decision-making were key in producing charming, delicate, elegant wines.

JAMES SUCKLING-96 PTS

Lots of lush blue and black fruits followed by violets, fresh mint, roasted almonds and black ink with vanilla beans and mocha. Full-bodied, refreshing acidity with firm and racy tannins.

Broad and energetic mid-palate with a succulent and layered finish. Superb concentration with depth and tension. It's difficult not to drink now but your patience will be rewarded. Try after 2027.

WINE ENTHUSIAST-96 PTS

The wine comes from a 64-acre vineyard on the slope leading to the Saint-Émilion plateau. It is dense, its tannins still dominant. The wine's fruit and rich structure are impressive. Drink from 2028.

JEB DUNNUCK-94 PTS

"The 2021 Château Belair-Monange has quintessential Saint-Émilion limestone-driven minerality as well as a gorgeous perfume of red and black raspberries, leather, graphite, and savory flowers. A downright mineral bomb". "It's another beautiful, elegant 2021 from the Moueix team".

Also: Wine Cellar Insider-94 Pts, Wine Advocate-93+ Pts, Vinous-92 Pts, Wine Spectator-92 Pts.

