

## 2022 CHÂTEAU BÉLAIR-MONANGE

SAINT-ÉMILION 1<sup>er</sup> 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).*



<b>2022 Vintage Blend:</b>	99% Merlot - 1% Cabernet Franc
<b>Vineyard size:</b>	65.5 acres
<b>Soil Types:</b>	Limestone on the plateau Blue clay on limestone in the slopes
<b>Average vine age:</b>	25 years
<b>Viticulture:</b>	Certified HVE3, Soil tilling (4 ways), Vine growth management adapted to the climatic conditions
<b>Harvest:</b>	Manual harvest. Double sorting: manual and optical
<b>Harvest dates:</b>	September 8th - 20th 2022
<b>Winemaking:</b>	In thermo-regulated concrete and stainless-steel vats Gentle & controlled maceration & extraction
<b>Aging:</b>	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.

**2022 Vintage:** 2022 was remarkable for the drought that persisted throughout the year (just 510 mm of rain Saint-Émilion and 458 mm à Pomerol compared with 944 mm on average) and for its record hours of sunshine in the summer: 1 175 hours, the most since 1949.

### JEB DUNNUCK-94 PTS

*"It has a truly sensational perfume of black raspberries, mulled cherries, crushed stone, and graphite that gains intensity and nuances as it sits in the glass". "While it's beautiful even today, I have no doubt this will evolve gracefully for 30 years if well stored".*

### JAMES SUCKLING-99 PTS

*This has an opulence that's reined in by the crushed-stone and fine-tannin character. It's full-bodied with tight and polished tannins that have energy and precision. Very linear and structured. This comes from great limestone soils that give this wine a freshness and focus. Salty and chalky at the end. Drink after 2030*

### VINOUS-98 PTS

*"Seamless in the glass, with stunning purity, the 2022 is magnificently complete from start to finish. Brisk acids and cool veins of supporting minerality cut through a core of ripe red/purplish berry fruit, lavender, blood orange and mocha.*

*The 2022 is the most impressive Bélaïr-Monange under the Moueix family's stewardship. Superb".*

**Also: Wine Cellar Insider-99 Pts, Wine Advocate-994 Pts, Wine Spectator-95 Pts.**

