



# Château Bel-Air 'Les Charmes' — Red 2021

## AOP Bordeaux



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## Blend

46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc

### Winemaking

2021 was a cooler vintage than normal in Bordeaux, with less sunshine, which produced well-balanced wines. The grapes were selected from the best vines of the family property. The clusters are meticulously picked, destemmed on the plot and then crushed when they arrive at the winery. Each grape variety is vinified separately. The alcoholic and malolactic fermentations take place in temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks to optimize the extraction of color, fruit aromas and tannins. For this cuvée, the best wines of the vintage have been selected and then aged for a minimum of 9 months, in contact with French oak staves. The final blend results in a full-body wine, balanced and powerful, with well-integrated tannins. The oak enhances the fruit, gives more roundness and reinforces the structure of the wine.

#### Tasting notes

- Eye: intense ruby color, reflections of black cherries.
- Nose: harmonious fusion of fruity notes, crispy red fruits and cranberry, hints of nuts and toasted almonds.
- Palate: freshness and elegance, where the fruit is enhanced with notes of *science*. Gourmet finish, with good structure and slightly oaky finish.

#### Food pairing

This red wine will pair well with prime rib, smoked duck breast, baked zucchinis and tomatoes, soft and hard cheeses.



### Alcohol content

13% by volume



### Serving temperature

Serve slightly chilled (14  $^\circ$  - 16  $^\circ\text{C})$ 

#### The heritage of Vignobles Mourgues: a family story.

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The family Estate of Vignobles Mourgues is located in the Entre-Deux-Mers region, about 80 km east of Bordeaux. The current manager, Jérémy Mourgues, was only 25 when he joined the family business in 2005, after his studies. His grandparents and his parents passed on the family values to him: humility, hard work and perseverance. The property is HVE (High Environmental Value) certified, testifying to the Mourgues family's commitment to sustainable agriculture and to environmental preservation practices, to value the precious land of their ancestors. The Estate extends over 395 hectares: 315 hectares in AOP Bordeaux and 80 hectares in IGP Atlantique. Jérémy is currently working hard on a great agroforestry project with 4 hectares of vines cultivated biodynamically and fruit trees among them. This property will soon become a privileged place for wine tourism. Jérémy is an expert in winegrowing, and he also manages a vineyard-management company, offering all types of services. Many prestigious Châteaux in Bordeaux call on him for several of their vineyard operations. In 2019, Jérémy acquired and modernized a neighboring winery to produce his own bottles of wine, using the best grapes selected from his vineyards. With his consultant-oenologist Florent, they enjoy making wines for gastronomy and sharing, fruity and generous, that reflect the magnificent terroir on which the grapes are grown. They can also count on the valuable advices from the experts of Hubert de Boüard Consulting.