

CHÂTEAU  
**BÉLAIR  
MONANGE**  
PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSÉ  
SAINT-ÉMILION



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**APPELLATION**

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

**CLASSIFICATION**

1° Grand Cru Classé

**VINEYARD SIZE**

23.5 hectares (58 acres)

**SOIL TYPES**

Asteriated limestone on the plateau  
Blue clay on limestone in the slopes

**VINEYARD GRAPE VARIETALS**

90% Merlot - 10% Cabernet Franc

**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: optical and manual

**WINEMAKING**

In thermo-regulated concrete  
and stainless-steel vats  
Gentle, controlled maceration  
and extraction

**AGING**

16-18 months in French oak barrels  
(50% new)

**2019 VINTAGE BLEND**

96% Merlot - 4% Cabernet Franc

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# CHÂTEAU BÉLAIR-MONANGE

## PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSÉ

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.

In 2012, Château Magdelaine, a contiguous Premier Grand Cru Classé acquired by Jean-Pierre Moueix in 1952, was merged into Château Bélaïr-Monange. The name 'Monange,' in addition to its literal translation, 'my angel,' was the maiden name of Jean-Pierre Moueix's mother, Anne-Adèle, 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 slopes provides intensity, length, and a unique elegance to the wine.

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## 2019 VINTAGE

*« The summer vaster than the empire »  
- Saint-John PERSE*

After a mild winter, spring alternated between sun and rain. Narrowly escaping a frost on April 13<sup>th</sup>, it was the rain in early June that first influenced the vintage. Indeed, the flowering suffered as a result and Merlot grapes counted an average of just 120 berries (instead of 200 usually).

Confirming global warming trends, the summer was exceptionally sunny and warm, just missing the historic record for hours of sunshine set in 2018.

Saint-Émilion was spared from the hydric stress that set in as early as mid-July in some areas thanks to its limestone soils. Happily, we received gentle, favorable rain on July 26<sup>th</sup> (1.3 inches) that set off a quick and even veraison. This moment marked the qualitative turn of the vintage. At the end of August, Merlot grapes weighed 1.2 grams on average (instead of 1.5 grams in a normal vintage), heralding exceptional concentration but low yields: -10% in Saint-Émilion.

Graced by fine weather, we harvested optimally ripe grapes at Château Bélaïr-Monange from September 19<sup>th</sup> until October 3<sup>rd</sup>.