

NOS PARCELLAIRES

Rhonea - Our Single Vineyards Selection - Bel Air, AOC Beaumes de Venise, Rouge, 2019

AOC Beaumes de Venise, Vallée du Rhône, France

« Our Parcel Selections » highlights the best terroirs of our Winegrowers: old vines, geological specificities, exposure and altitudes... For each appellation, our savoir-faire expresses through careful selection of plots, rigorous vinification and ageing methods to produce complex wines.

PRESENTATION

One of the three great terroirs of the appellation. Bel Air is recognizable by its typical white soils.

THE VINTAGE

As 2018, 2019 appears to be quite an exceptional vintage. The winter was unusually mild with balmy temperatures continuing into a dry spring. April and May experienced colder temperatures that luckily slowed vine growth. After a very hot month of June and rather high temperatures in July and August, the harvest started in September under perfect conditions.

LOCATION

Average age of the vines : 30 years.
Altitude of the Vineyard : 250 mètres.

TERROIR

Located north-east of the town of Beaumes de Venise, the terroir of Bel Air is made of marl, clay and rocks (100-140M years old), producing delicate and fine wines.

IN THE VINEYARD

Density : 4000 à 4500 pieds/ha
Yield : 35hl/ha

WINEMAKING

Hand harvest at optimum maturity. Grenache grapes are destemmed, pressed and put into vats at controlled temperature of 25°C for a maceration of 18 days. Syrah is fermented in whole bunches.

AGEING

The juice is blended and aged in concrete vats for 12 months, with regular racking.

VARIETALS

Grenache 50%, Syrah 50%

15,5 % VOL.

TASTING

The blend has a deep colour and a powerful, yet refined nose with black fruit nuances (blackberry and blueberry). The wine is quite flavoursome on the palate. It is round and smooth, with finesse, complexity, and considerable character.



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FOOD PAIRINGS

It is ideal with all red meat dishes and gourmet salads.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS



89-91/100

"The 2018 Beaumes de Venise Bel Air is a tank-aged blend that comes from a selection of south-facing vineyards planted on white clays. Plum, peach and black olive notes mark the nose, while the palate is full-bodied and velvety in texture."

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate



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92-93/100

"Lots of crushed-blackberry and tar character with full body and creamy texture. Delicious finish already."

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