

CHATEAU Bellefont-Belcier

SAINT-EMILION
GRAND CRU CLASSE



Created in the late 18th century, the Bellefont-Belcier estate is perfectly situated on Saint-Emilion's south-facing slopes, neighbouring Château Pavie, Château Larcis-Ducasse and Château Tertre Roteboeuf.

Château Bellefont-Belcier originally belonged to a very powerful Bordeaux family: at the end of the 18th century, the Count Louis-François de Belcier had first founded the vineyard then, at the beginning of the 19th century, he build the Château which he named Bellefont (Belle Fontaine means 'beautiful fountain' and is a reference to the numerous springs hidden on the hillside into which the vines plunge their roots.)

Major restructuring work in the vineyard was undertaken in 1994. Château Bellefont-Belcier was classified in 2006 as Grand Cru Classé.

TASTING

This vintage shows the perfect association between the two great terroirs of the property: the chiselled richness and freshness of the plateau, the depth and velvety texture of the slope. A great aromatic palette is revealed on the nose: aromas of ripe, crunchy black fruit stand out amidst notes of tobacco leaves, fresh grass and juicy plums. The attack is silky, the balance between creamy and juicy is established. A caressing, mellow texture envelops the precise structure which rises in power. A nice freshness accompanies the whole tasting which ends on a delicate saline note.

CHÂTEAU BELLEFONT-BELCIER 2020 - FACTS

SURFACE	13,5 hectares
BLEND	72% Merlot - 18 % Cabernet Franc - 10% Cabernet Sauvignon
SOILS	Limestone plateau, south-facing clay-limestone slopes and plots at the foot of the slopes
HARVEST DATES	September 15th to October 9th
VINIFICATION	Parcel Management, traditional farming, natural grassing, respect of environmental balance. Plot by plot in temperature-controlled wooden and concrete vats. Gentle extraction with careful attention to temperature thresholds. Low-temperature maceration in concrete vats.
AGEING	30% new barrels - 20% ovoid wooden vat- 25% barrels 1-wine 25% 2 - wines
PRODUCTION	55 000 bouteilles
ALCOHOL DEGREE	14,5 %



JAMES SUCKLING
97

«Fascinating aromas of plums, peaches, lavender, violets, and other flowers. Hints of fresh herbs, too. So complex. Full-bodied yet so elegant and polished with a curated and focused palate. Hints of chocolate at the end. It's so subtle and complex. Weightless on the palate.» *James Suckling February 2023*

VINOUS NEAL MARTIN
92

«The 2020 Bellefont-Belcier has quite a backward nose, rather introspective with black fruit, cedar and cigar box aromas. It's more dark than light. The palate is medium-bodied with very supple tannins, fleshy yet with well-judged acidity and pure, lightly spiced black fruit towards the harmonious finish. This conveys a sense of flow that I appreciate. One to watch »
Neal Martin December 2022

VERTDEVIN
95

«Le nez est frais, élégant et offre un côté fleuri, une jolie concentration. On y retrouve des notes de cassis éclatant, de fraise charnue et plus légèrement de petites baies noires associées à des touches de violette, de muscade, de baton de réglisse, de petits fruits rouges sauvages mûrs, à de fines pointes de zan, à de discrètes pointes de caramélisation. La bouche est fruitée, tout en finesse et offre de la jutosité, une certaine tension, de la précision, de la complexité et un certain côté aérien dans l'équilibre. En bouche ce vin exprime des notes de mûre juteuse, de cassis éclatant et plus légèrement de framboise sauvage associées à des pointes de fève de tonka, de caramélisation, à de fines pointes de bleuets, de safran, de fleurs de cerisier, de vanille. De jolies pointes sapides en fin de bouche. Les tannins sont racés, précis et fins.» -
Jonathan Choukroum Chicheportiche May 2021

ROBERTPARKER.COM
94+

«The 2020 Bellefont Belcier is a terrific follow up to the excellent 2019. Wafting from the glass with aromas of dark berries, licorice, bay leaf and spices, it's medium to full-bodied, seamless and refined, with lovely depth at the core, vibrant acids and a long, chalky finish. It's great to see one of Saint-Émilion's sleeping giants awakening.» *William Kelley April 2023*

JEB DUNNUCK
98

«The finest wine I've tasted from this estate, the 2020 Château Bellefont-Belcier is an incredibly gorgeous blend of 70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. Deep ruby/purple-hued, it offers a great nose of cassis, ripe black cherries, camphor, dried flowers, cedar, and forest floor. Bringing gorgeous richness, it nevertheless stays flawlessly balanced, with ultra-fine tannins and a great finish. The purity of fruit here is just about off the charts. While it already offers pleasure, it's going to benefit from short-term cellaring and have 20-25 years of prime drinking. This estate uses a five-day cold soak and fermentation, all in concrete, spanning 25 days. Malolactic fermentation occurs in barrel (four months on lees), and the wine spends 18 months in 30% new French oak, with the balance in once- and twice-used barrels.» *Jeb Dunnuck March 2023*

WEINWISSER
18/20

«Purpur mit dichter Mitte und rubinrotem Rand. Komplexes Bouquet mit verführerischem Veilchenparfüm, dahinter reife Brombeeren, Schatzenmorellensaft und Lakritze. Am sublimen Gaumen mit seidiger Textur, stützendes Tanningerüst, vibrierende Rasse und athletischer Körper, der an einen 800m Läufer erinnert. Im gebündelten Finale bleibt der St. Emilion elegant, rotbeerige Konturen, heller Tabak und Finesse Pur. Diese Delikatesse weiß heuer zu überzeugen, so gut wie schon lange nicht mehr»
Tjark Witzgall May 2021

VINOUS ANTONIO GALLONI
94

«The 2020 Bellefont-Belcier signals a major move away from the potent, brooding style of years past towards an expression of this site that seeks greater finesse. That is immediately apparent in the wine's feel and tannin profile. Dark plum, lavender, espresso, menthol, licorice and spice are all laced together. I would give the 2020 a few years to soften. It is super-promising, that much is clear.» *Antonio Galloni December 2022*

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER
95

«The oceanic influences are what you initially find before moving on to all the flowers, smoke, and red fruits. The wine is fresh, vibrant, elegant and refined. The red fruits show purity with a salty edge on the palate. There is length and precision here that builds and lingers.»
Jeff Leve May 2023

YVES BECK
95

«"Que de complexité et de profondeur dans le bouquet de Bellefont-Belcier 2020 ! Il se distingue par sa fraîcheur et sa pluralité, une fraîcheur bien affichée en bouche également. De bonne densité, le vin est expressif, friand et parfaitement soutenu par des tannins fins et puissants. Belle expression aromatique et finale persistante. Une grande réussite à Bellefont Belcier.» -
Yves Beck March 2023