



## **BELMONT 2019**

95% Cabernet Franc, 5% Syrah

I.G.P. Côtes du Lot

TAV = 13.5% vol.

Exceptional wine, Belmont 2019 is characterized by the dominant presence of Cabernet Franc. Here, in this high-altitude land of Lot, it is the unexpected one. From the beginning, the Bourguignon couple, renowned for their expertise in soil microbiology, recognized the exceptional potential of Cabernet Franc in this terroir. The high altitude of 240 meters and the Kimmeridgian limestone soils covered with reddish-brown marls create a terroir reminiscent of great Burgundies.

The potential of the soils is pushed to the maximum, even including the addition of organic compost developed within the estate. Everything is thought out to reveal the potential of each grape variety in harmony with the carefully planted plot. Every action has a purpose with the ultimate goal of crafting great wines.

### **HARVEST**

Like the finest wines, the grapes are hand-harvested and placed in crates to limit compression, prevent oxidation, and enable swift transport to the cellar.

### **VINIFICATION**

The grapes are put into the vat as whole berries, without being crushed, preserving their integrity. This method, known as "caviar box," allows for the retention of the juicy character of the pulp while allowing indigenous yeasts to patiently extract anthocyanins and tannins. Regular and gradual manual punch-downs promote a longer and gentler fermentation. The maceration lasts an average of 3 to 4 weeks, allowing for optimal extraction of aromas and tannins.

### **AGING**

The wine is aged on fine lees in 400-liter barrels for 12 months, preserving the aromas of black fruits and violets while offering a beautiful tannic roundness. Subsequently, an additional 6-month aging in tanks is carried out to refine the elegant tannins of this cuvée.

### **TASTING**

The wine presents itself with a dark, deep, and captivating color. On the nose, it reveals an expressive bouquet of blackcurrant, blackberries, and violets, with notes of musk and truffles. On the palate, it offers a direct and fresh attack with significant volume. The retro-olfaction reveals flavors of blackcurrant, cocoa, and spices, creating a complex and harmonious experience.