

# Chateau Bellevue

France - Bordeaux

Château Bellevue was founded by Michel & Catherine Lydoire in 1998, with the estate's oldest vines dating to the 1960's. To access the estate, you embark on a drive through the middle of a diverse landscape of vines and forests. When you arrive, you will understand why the winery is called Bellevue, which means "nice view".

Michel & Catherine's daughter Céline joined the family estate over 10 years ago and now serves as the winemaker, with help from her father and guidance from oenologists Thomas Duclos and Gilles Pauquet (Château Cheval Blanc's former enologist).

Chateau Bellevue has 12 hectares (30 acres) of vineyards on the hillside of Saint Emilion; 40-year-old vines planted on sandy clay and limestone soil. They produce 60% Merlot, 37% Cabernet Franc & 3% Cabernet Sauvignon. The Estate is certified level 2 by AREA for their consistent efforts toward sustainability.

Reserve wines are produced when the vintage merits; most recently in 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005 and 2006. Production is 380 hectoliters (4,222 9-liter cases).



<b>Founded</b>
1998
<b>Location</b>
France
<b>Wine Production Area</b>
France - Bordeaux - Cotes de Bordeaux, Cotes de Bordeaux - Castillon AOC
<b>Owners</b>
Michel & Catherine Lydoire
<b>Winemaker</b>
Celine Loste-Lydoire
<b>Grape Varietals</b>
Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Annual Production</b>
4,200 (9-liter cases)
<b>Website</b>
<a href="http://www.vignobleslydoire.com">www.vignobleslydoire.com</a>