

CHÂTEAU LEROY-BEAUVAL Bordeaux Supérieur 2018

The history of this estate in the village of Saint-Sulpice-et-Cameyrac, between Libourne and Bordeaux, reaches back to the 17th century. With a new cellar and organic focus (the estate is in conversion), Leroy-Beauval vinifies each parcel of older vines separately to best express the region's impeccable terroir. While so much of Bordeaux is dominated by grand estates that demand equally grand prices, we cherish small estates that build on the traditions of the region, artisans who strive for wines that reflect the best of Bordeaux: rich ripe fruit, silky tannins, soulful spice.

WINERY: Château Leroy-Beauval

WINEMAKERS: Stéphanie and Alexandre Leroy

ENOLOGIST/CONSULTANT: Stéphane Derenoncourt

ESTABLISHED: 2012

REGION: FRANCE • Bordeaux • Saint-Sulpice-et-Cameyrac

APPELLATION: Bordeaux Supérieur AOC

BLEND: 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARDS: A special selection of older-vine parcels in the village of Saint-Sulpice-et-Cameyrac (between Bordeaux and Libourne), totalling just over six acres of land. Soils combine clay and limestone, over solid limestone subsoils.

AGE OF VINES: 35 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Destemmed; brief cold maceration; fermented on selected yeasts in temperature controlled, cement tanks. Aged for 10 months in new French oak barrels, from coopers in both Bordeaux and Burgundy.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of black raspberries, black cherries, light smoke, licorice. Full-bodied, suave tannins; plums, red berry flavors

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Red meat or autumn stews; aged French cheeses



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