

## **CHÂTEAU LEROY-BEAUVAL Bordeaux Supérieur 2019**

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: 80% Merlot and 20% 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

