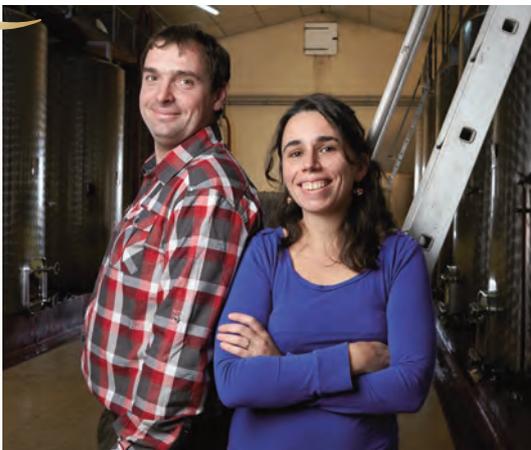




CHATEAU LES BELLES MURAILLES BORDEAUX

A BORDEAUX WINE PROUD OF ITS ROOTS



Former fortifications amid the vines

Just next to Bordeaux, Château Les Belles Murailles is a timely reminder of Saint-Loubès' heritage as one of the region's historic vineyards, where the first vines were planted as far back as the late 15th century. The history of the property has for many years been linked to Château Labatut (today Château Terrefort), and the location of Les Belles Murailles was previously the baillif's residence. Though many years have passed, the traces of this heritage can still be seen: the district is still known as "le Bayle" as a nod to the former bailliff, and some of the fortifications still stand the test of time amid the vines. Nature has now claimed back the old walls to produce a wine crafted in pure Bordeaux tradition.

A family legacy since 1896

It was in 1896 that the Château was acquired by the Manaud family. 5 generations have followed, and since 2011, Marie-Isabelle Manaud-Guibbert, with her husband Laurent, have worked hard to ensure the family tradition lives on. No one knows if the next generation will continue this legacy, but if exposed to their parents' passion and conviction, history is not about to stop yet.

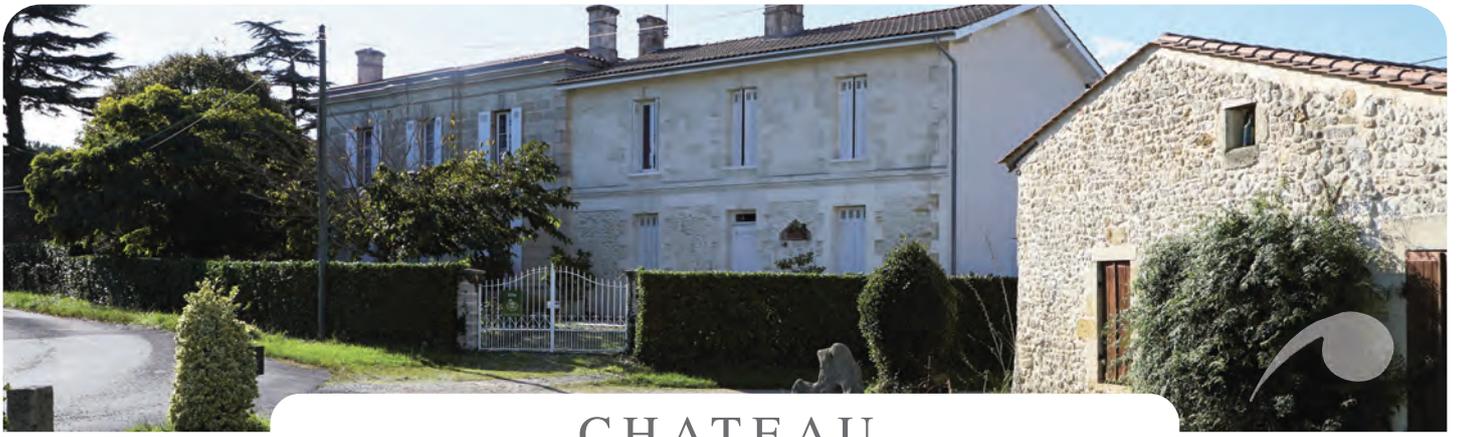
Today the full extent of the property is 24.5 ha, mainly stretching around the Château on the high plateau of Saint-Loubès, sloping towards the Dordogne. The soils benefit from natural drainage from small streams flowing here and there on the gentle slopes of the property.

A Bordeaux Château proud of cultivating 5 Bordeaux varieties

In the Manaud-Guibbert family, respecting tradition remains at the heart of their values; the family are proud of being able to produce a Bordeaux wine covering the entire spectrum of red Bordeaux grape varieties: Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot. Marie-Isabelle clearly recognised the estate had something special, allowing her to prove her worth year in year out. Like the most prestigious Bordeaux Crus, the wines attain their true aromatic potential during several months spent in oak barrels.

Bordeaux is known for its history, expertise, traditions and fine wines for cellaring. Instead of straying from its roots, Château Les Belles Murailles positively embraces them and passes them on to the next generation, creating a Bordeaux wine for cellaring. Marie-Isabelle and her husband are the worthy heirs.





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OWNER:

The Manaud-Guibbert family.

KEY DATES:

1896: the Manaud family bought the property.

2011: Marie-Isabelle Manaud-Guibbert and her husband Laurent take over reins at the Château.

LOCATION:

Just a few kilometres from Bordeaux, on the Saint-Loubès plateau, one of the higher points in the area.

SOIL PROFILE:

Clay-limestone.

AREA UNDER VINE:

24.5 ha of vines, of which 22.5 are in production and 2 ha currently being replanted.

PLANTING DENSITY:

4,500 vines/ha.

GRAPE VARIETIES:

- 70% Merlot,
- 15% Cabernet Sauvignon,
- 9% Cabernet Franc,
- 4.5% Malbec,
- 1.5% Petit Verdot.

AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINEYARD:

20-25 years.

HARVESTING:

By machine. The grapes are sorted on entry to the winery (3-4 people, mainly family). Ripeness levels are monitored before harvesting with the help of a consultant winemaker.

VITICULTURAL REGIME:

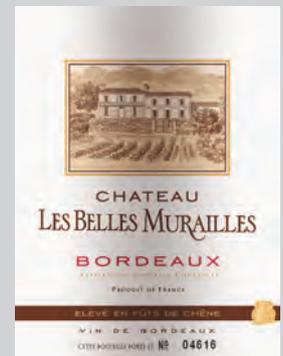
- Pruning tailored to each vineyard block: guyot simple or guyot double.
- Canopy management including secondary shoot removal 2x, tying up the vine 3x by hand, leaf-stripping.

VINIFICATION:

Carried out on the estate, assisted by a consultant winemaker. Winery equipped with temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks. Grapes are systematically destemmed, then pressed. Yeasts are introduced, temperatures are controlled during fermentation, pumping over for greater extraction, and even racked and returned for certain tanks (more gentle approach). Period of maceration is tailored to each tank, malolactic fermentation.

AGEING:

Several months in oak barriques.



«WELL-STRUCTURED
BORDEAUX WINE
FOR KEEPING»

"The wine at Château Les Belles Murailles, with its lovely dark red colour tinged with subtle terracotta shades, is concentrated and intense on the bouquet, revealing well-balanced oak and fruit. On the finish, the wine demonstrates impressively lingering aromatics and subtle, silky tannins."

*Thomas Drouineau,
winemaker, Maison Delor*

