

# CHÂTEAU HAUT SELVE

## RESERVE 2019

### SINGLE ESTATE

Château Haut Selve is the only creation of vineyard in Bordeaux in the 20th Century. The vineyard was planted in the historical Graves Appellation area over a pine forest where vines used to grow 120 years ago.

Each step of Chateau Haut Selve's creation was thought and carried out as if it was a piece of art. The history of art and wine is the particularity of this property that is known to be one of the top five in Graves.

Since 2018, our vineyard is HVE & Terra Vitis certified.

### DEEP GRAVELY SOIL / GRAND BOS PLOT THE VINEYARD

- Density : 5500 vines/acre
- Planting density of 5,500 plants per hectare
- Adapted pruning with a parcel-by-parcel approach of the vigor
- Illuminated leaf area greater than 13,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Soil nutrition by green manure (bean, pea, mustard)
- Mechanical tillage without the use of weed killers
- Manual and mechanical pruning only
- Disbudding in May to adjust the number of bunches per vine
- Yields 2019: 35HI/Ha
- The Reserve cuvée exclusively proceeds from the specific plot called **Grand Bos**

### INDIVIDUAL PLOT VINIFICATION AND AGEING

- Direct vatting of the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, part of them with stalks
- Maceration and alcoholic fermentation in thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks
- Malolactic fermentation in new 225L French oak barrels
- Then aged for 12 months in two 50hl Demptos barrels
- Barrels : Ana Selection, Nadalié, Tonnelerie Garonnaise

### THE WINE

The 2019 Réserve cuvée is a blend of 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon.

The color is dark garnet red.

The nose is complex, with aromas of red and black fruits, spicy and mentholated notes, all in freshness. The woodiness is present but subtle, with intense empyreumatic notes.

On the palate, one is immediately seduced by the velvety Merlot which remains fresh, well supported by the ripe Cabernet Sauvignon.

It is dense and focused, without any superfluous show of force.

The finish is long with floral aromas worthy of the great gravel Graves terroirs and some violet notes. With well coated tannins, the whole is as powerful as velvety. A racy wine with a strong identity.

Best enjoyed from 2022. Peak between 2025 and 2030.



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### THE 2019 VINTAGE, BY JEAN-SEBASTIEN CHARLES



*Jean-Sébastien Charles, Estate Manager and Winemaker*

"2019 is our second vintage made with the advice of Stéphane Derenoncourt's team, both in terms of culture and oenology.

The extreme climatic conditions required us to be attentive at all times. The frost of May 4th and 5th hit some parcels hard. Then, the cool and rainy spring made the flowering difficult.

From the beginning of July, the blue sky and the high temperatures contributed to the ripening of the grapes with a heterogeneity between the plots.

Our good farming sense and our increased presence in the vineyard dictated us to stagger the harvest dates and to harvest each plot at the right maturity.

The unique conditions of the Grand Bos plot consist of a warm microclimate, a deep gravel soil that allows the roots to develop, and a subsoil rich enough in water to allow the grapes to ripen without stress.

Our wine growing experience throughout the world has shown us that these conditions, combining a warm environment and a regular water supply, are rarely met. On this parcel they are, and provided the grapes are harvested at their right maturity, we obtain an intense floral aroma accompanied by a powerful and velvety texture. These are the characteristics that we wanted to highlight in this cuvée. **Frédéric Massie - Derenoncourt Consultants**

The 2019 vintage has produced 12,063 75cl bottles and 120 3L Jeroboams of Haut Selve Réserve.

### Awards of the 2019 vintage

Decanter World Wine Awards 2022 : Silver Medal  
Terre de Vins Competition : Silver Medal



## NON NOVA SED NOVE

Non pas des choses nouvelles, mais de manière différente