

# CHATEAU Bellefont-Belcier

SAINT-EMILION  
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Créé à la fin du XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle, Château Bellefont-Belcier est idéalement situé sur la côte Sud de Saint-Emilion, cotoyant Château Pavie, Château Larcis-Ducasse et Château Tertre Roteboeuf.

A la fin du XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle, Château Bellefont-Belcier appartenait à une puissante famille de la noblesse bordelaise. Le comte Louis-François de Belcier avait d'abord fondé le vignoble, puis, au début du XIX<sup>e</sup> siècle, il bâtit le Château qu'il nomma Bellefont (Son nom signifie Belle Fontaine en référence aux nombreuses sources cachées sur la colline où les vignes plongent leurs racines.)

Des travaux importants de restructuration du vignoble ont été entrepris en 1994. Château Bellefont-Belcier a été classée en 2006 Grand Cru Classé.

Peter Kwok a acquis la propriété en 2017.

## CHÂTEAU BELLEFONT-BELCIER 2017 - FACTS

<b>SURFACE</b>	13,5 hectares
<b>ENCÉPAGEMENT</b>	70% Merlot - 25 % Cabernet Franc - 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>SOLS</b>	Plateau calcaire, Coteau Sud Argilo-Calcaire
<b>DATES VENDANGES</b>	du 1er au 17 octobre
<b>VINIFICATION</b>	Gestion parcellaire, culture traditionnelle, enherbement naturel, respect des équilibres environnementaux. Stockage de la récolte en chambre froide. Réception gravitaire avec au préalable double table de tri et double table vibrante. Macération à basse température en cuves bétons et bois thermorégulées, de petite capacité. Fermentation malolactique en cuve et en barrique.
<b>ELEVAGE</b>	40% barriques neuves - 30% barriques 1-vin - 30% barriques 2-vins
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	35 000 bouteilles

## DEGUSTATION

Minéralité, vin délicat qui demande que l'on aille le chercher, sous-bois, mousse humide tanins ronds, pleins, jolie puissance, finale saline, fruits noirs.



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## REVUE DE PRESSE

### JAMES SUCKLING - 93 - 94

«Very focused and compacted, showcasing extremely polished and firm tannins. Medium-to full-bodied and finely glossy and precise. Dark fruits, wet earth and an intense finish. Excellent length.»

*James Suckling April 2017*

### ROBERTPARKER.COM - 89 - 91

«The 2017 Bellefont Belcier is deep garnet-purple colored and scented of baked plums and dried mulberries with touches of fragrant earth and underbrush. Medium-bodied, soft and plush, it has plenty of fruit and a gorgeous texture, finishing long.» *Lisa Perotti-Brown April 2017*

### JEB DUNNUCK - 92-95

«Coming from a 13.5-hectare vineyard sitting on the plateau and south-facing hillside of the Cote Pavie (right beside Larcis-Ducasse), the 2017 Bellefont-Belcier is a screaming success in the vintage. Loaded with beautiful dark fruits, violets, and salty, rocky minerality, this beauty hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, sensational purity of fruit, and perfect balance. The tentative blend is 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, and it hit a solid 14.6% natural alcohol. It's certainly worth your time and money. Tasted three times.» *Jeb Dunnuck April 2017*

### ANTONIO GALLONI - 89-92

«The 2017 Bellefont-Belcier is deep, unctuous and powerful, with tremendous depth and structure to back up the fruit. Inky blackberry, chocolate, spice, new leather, lavender and blueberry jam are pushed forward in this plush, creamy Saint-Émilion. This is the first vintage made by new owner Peter Kwok. The 2017 will need a few years to come into its own, but it is impressive, even in the early going. Tasted three times.» *Antonio Galloni April 2017*

### VINOUS NEAL MARTIN - 90 - 92

«The 2017 Bellefont-Belcier, which was purchased by Peter Kwok last year (see Haut-Brisson, Tour St. Christophe, La Patache etc), was fermented without SO<sub>2</sub>. It has an extremely rich, decadent bouquet that seems to be trying too hard to make an impression instead of reflecting its propitious terroir. The palate is almost viscous on the entry, extremely concentrated and opulent.» - *Neal Martin April 2017*

### THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER - JEFF LEVE - 93

“The first vintage for new owner Peter Kwok is deep in color. The medium/full bodied, fresh, bright, black cherry, licorice and chocolate filled wine offers soft textures, freshness and minerality in the finish. The wine was made from blending 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon.” - *Jeff Leve April 2017*

