



VINS OLIVIER CAZENAVE Bel en Blanc

REGION/ ORIGIN	Bordeaux Entre-deux-Mers	WINEMAKER	Olivier Cazenave
VINTAGE	2019	WINERY ESTABLISHED	2004
VARIETALS	100% Muscadelle	VINEYARD(S)	Managed vines (small parcel of Muscadell)
ALCOHOL	13.5%	AGE OF VINEYARD(S)	40 years old
FERMENTATION	Steel & Demi-muid Indigenous yeasts	SOIL TYPE	Limestone
AGING	30 months	ELEVATION	110 meters (highest in Bordeaux)
AGING VESSEL	Demi-muid (400L, 500L, 600L)	FARMING METHODS	Organic (Eco cert)
FILTER/FINING	#3 plate filter None	TOTAL PRODUCTION	3,000 bottles
TOTAL SULFUR/ RS	85 mg/l 0 g/l	HARVEST TIME	Late September

(Our project) Is the sum of a thousand tiny details that, with the Dordogne river, 'flows beautifully' before our eyes, offering us every hour a new light and radiance

Chateau de Bel is the idyllic estate that houses the visionary project and wines of 'Vins Olivier Cazenave.' Olivier and his wife Anne married in 2003, the same year they embarked on their lifelong dream of buying a rustic piece of property and a home on the picturesque edge of the Dordogne River, with a promise to create an estate and wines that are truly distinct from others. Their commitment to humility and common sense has led them to a place where the wines express their vivacious personality, endless creativity, and pure expression of terroir, all the while being fully dedicated to organic and biodynamic farming since 2016. Starting with just 4.5 hectares, they have expanded over the years by acquiring small neighboring plots, and now farm around 8 hectares of vines, producing about 60,000 bottles annually through their various labels, appellations, and diverse projects. Olivier has a deep passion for Muscadelle and aims to expand wine drinkers' palates with this grape, while also showcasing his special ability to allow Merlot and Cabernet Franc to sing in unique and novel ways compared to his regional counterparts. The cellar is compact, the process is meticulous, and the focus is on crafting exceptional yet unpretentious Bordeaux for the world to rediscover anew.

Biodynamics is truly a new adventure where our conception of the rational and the explicable must evolve and expand towards other influences, those of the cosmos of course, but also by considering that everything around us is alive and communicated. - Olivier

The 'Bel en Blanc' is a remarkably unique White Bordeaux because it focuses only on Olivier's favorite of white grapes that are grown in Bordeaux, and quite the opposite of what most people their focus: Muscadelle. He finds that as this grape ages and matures, the nuance and complexity really begin to shine, so this wine is his 'love-song' to the grape. 40-year-old vines are hand-harvested in late September (much after Sauv Blanc and Semillon) and brought for natural fermentation in steel tank for only a few days before the must is moved to 400-600-liter demi muids to continue and finish. 30 months of aging takes place before a rough filtering and a small production bottling. The result is gorgeous once released. White flowers, river stones, hints of pineapple, and beautifully integrated wood notes shoot from the glass, and lead to a mouth feel that is textural, wrapping the taste buds like a warm hug, while having a driven and very expressive mineral presence.