



## VINS OLIVIER CAZENAVE Cheateau de Bel 'Capitane'

REGION/ ORIGIN	Bordeaux Supérieur	WINEMAKER	Olivier Cazenave
VINTAGE	2018	WINERY ESTABLISHED	2004
VARIETALS	100% Merlot	VINEYARD(S)	Estate vines (1.25ha)
ALCOHOL	13.5%	AGE OF VINEYARD(S)	25 years old
FERMENTATION	Foudre & concrete Indigenous yeasts	SOIL TYPE	Clay-loam on limestone
AGING	18 months	ELEVATION	0 – 10 meters (riverbank)
AGING VESSEL	225L & 500L barrels 3-5 years old	FARMING METHODS	Organic (Eco cert)
FILTER/FINING	None	TOTAL PRODUCTION	6,000 bottles
TOTAL SULFUR/ RS	80 mg/l .7 g/l	HARVEST TIME	Early October

*(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 'Capitane' is a classic and stunning representation of what Olivier can do with the Merlot grape. Coming from estate vines of about 25 years on clay and limestone soils, the fruit is picked when perfect and brought to the cellar to naturally ferment in both concrete vats and large foudres. The fermentation continues for about three weeks until the juice is pressed off the skins, and then the wine ages in 225-liter and 500-liter used French oak for 18 months before being bottled (with no fining or filtration). This complex and dark red has a gorgeous nose of purple violets, tree ripe plums, rocks, and earthy soil richness. In the mouth, the complexity of black ripe cherries and perfect plums has gorgeous acidity to match the fruit, as well as a mineral quality that complements the tannin structure hinting of the wood aging without significant wood markers. A very well-built wine that has as much depth as it does lift and freshness.