



CHATEAU *Villa Bel-Air*  
GRAVES

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AOC GRAVES WHITE 2018

12,5%



This beautiful 18th-century estate was bought by the family of Armand Ballande in 2017 and benefits from the most advanced winegrowing techniques, while remaining true to the ancestral traditions.

The team is advised by Deroncourt Consultants and has set itself the goal of benefitting from the terroir's exceptional capacity and continuing to deliver all its potential by producing a white and a red wine that exemplify all the finesse and complexity of Graves wines.

### **The terroir**

The property is perched on a magnificent gravel brow. The soil is composed of Garonne gravel, and lies on a subsoil base of clay-limestone, partly ferruginous. The terroir also benefits from an advantageous micro-climate: the surrounding pine forests protect it from bad weather, and the proximity of the Garonne River mitigates both extreme heat and excess humidity.

### **The vintage**

A very rainy spring quickly gave way to a hot and dry summer. The high rainfall early in the season helped to maintain high water reserves for the rest of the summer through to the harvest, which took place from 1st to 12th September 2018.

This very beautiful 2018 vintage was marked by unusual and beneficial weather conditions that resulted in a healthy, perfectly ripe harvest, endowing the wine of Villa Bel-Air with all its aromatic potential and quality.

### **Tasting notes**

A vintage with a very beautiful aromatic intensity with notes of citrus, white peach and exotic fruits.

After the freshness, the wine reveals a beautiful roundness and persistence on the palate given by the oak barrel aging (on fine lees).

### **Vinification and aging**

After pressing, the white is fermented in oak barrels at low temperature. Fermented in barrels and aged on yeast lees, 30% of them in new wood.

### **Grape varieties**

50% Sauvignon, 50% Sémillon



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