

CHATEAU GROMEL BEL AIR 2006

BORDEAUX SUPERIEUR



Wine Maker: Francois George
Designation: Bordeaux Superieur AOC
Location: Town of Bonzac, Fronsac
Vineyards: Estate vineyards surrounding the chateau
Vineyard Area: 27 acres
Exposure: South East
Soil: Limestone and clay
Grape Varieties: 70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon
Training System: Guyot
Vine Density: 1250 / acre
Harvest Method: By machine
Harvest Date: Early October
Yield: 2000 Liters / acre
Maceration Period: 5 days
Fermentation: 5-6 weeks
Aging: 12 Months in barrique
Wood: 50% French Oak, 50% American Oak
New Oak: 35%
Cellar Potential: 8+ Years
UPC: 0 20106 50273 4

Chateau Gromel Bel Air was founded in 1855. The estate and surrounding 27 acres of vineyard are located in Fronsac nearby the famous communes of Pomerol and St. Emillion. Fronsac's higher altitude vineyards composed of limestone, chalk, and clay produce particularly robust Merlot-based red wines. Cabernet Sauvignon only thrives in select areas on the right bank of the Gironde River and a special parcel of the estate's vineyards are dedicated to this varietal which provides added structure and freshness to the blend. Chateau Gromel Bel Air is consistently made with great care and its affordability exemplifies the underrated potential of the area. It is aromatic, fruity and spicy, with fine balance and moderate structure.



Francois George - Winemaker