



CHÂTEAU BEYCHEVELLE

2012 VINTAGE

2012 Harvest dates

From September 27 to October 18

Harvest was over on October 18, the latest date in the last 30 years!

Production area

71 ha in AOC Saint Julien

Yield

42,5 hl/ha

Production

65% of Château Beychevelle and 35% of Amiral de Beychevelle.

Blend

Cabernet Sauvignon 47%

Merlot 44%

Cabernet Franc 4%

Petit Verdot 5%

The campaign 2011-2012 has not been an easy growing season in the vineyard.

The first part of it, **quite fresh**, generated conditions of imperfect flowering and setting.

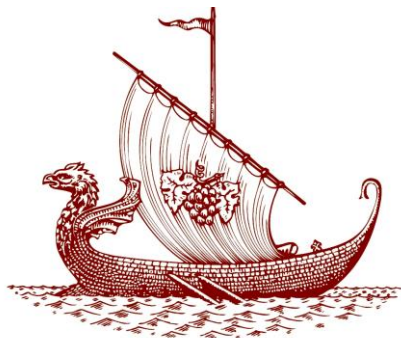
The summer **was beautiful, sunny, very dry**, and temperatures were close to normal. However, the severe drought slowed down the maturation, which then presented various stages of achievement.

In spite of imperfect harvest conditions, bunches remained healthy and grapes in vats were very sound, thanks to a great care and sorting out in the vineyard and at reception of the crop.

It is great satisfaction to have been able to maintain this quality by choosing vineyard options with very moderate protection, including in 2012 a significant part of organic management.

Merlots have a **beautiful fruit**, pure and clean, judged better than in 2011. **Cabernets are fine, with a nice fruit**, and the tannins are elegant but less powerful than in some previous vintages.

The 2012 vintage of Château Beychevelle is elegant and fruity, with silky tannins. It gives an attractive wine, with the level of good vintages like 2008 and 2011.



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TASTING NOTES

Very solid, with a bramble-lined core of blackberry, blueberry and raspberry fruit, backed by anise and singed wood spice notes. A bolt of graphite pins the finish down. Best from 2016 through 2024

Wine Spectator – James Molesworth (March 2015)

Generously and gently fruity, the 2012, deeply marked by the Merlot, displays a real charm and a pleasant texture, well-rounded"

Revue du Vin de France (May 2013)

A strong, solid effort from Beychevelle, the 2012 exhibits a deep ruby/plum color in addition to a sweet perfume of mulberries, black currants, jammy cherries, vanilla and damp earth. With good power and more depth than many Medocs as well as the estate's hallmark finesse and elegance, this excellent, possibly outstanding wine possesses sweet tannin and more mid-palate depth than many of its peers.

The Wine Advocate– Robert Parker (April 2013)