

# Red Squirrel

Drinking outside the box since 2012.

## CHÂTEAU DE BEL CLOS DU CANTON DES ORMEAUX 2012

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**Winemaker:** Olivier Cazenave  
**Appellation:** AOC Pomerol  
**Region:** Bordeaux  
**Country:** France  
**Grapes:** Merlot (97%), Cabernet Franc (3%)  
**Vintage:** 2012  
**Production:** 3,500 bottles  
**Closure:** Cork  
**Bottle size:** 75cl  
**Alcohol:** 13%

### METHOD

From an old 0.7-hectare family plot in Pomerol, essentially Olivier's great-grandfather's back garden. He was a cooper, and Olivier uses the old cooperage as a cellar – so this is not a garage wine, but a workshop wine! Some of the vineyard has clay-silty soils, with gravel and marl underneath; the rest of the plot is clay and limestone with ferrous material too. Grapes picked by hand then vinification is in 500-litre open-top barrels. Aged on fine lees for two years.

### TASTING NOTES

Very textural, rounded, with extremely silky tannins, the fruit unfurls subtly at first then beautifully open on the palate, with accentuated floral perfume throughout.

### VICTUALS

Roast turkey or perhaps pheasant