

Red Squirrel

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CHÂTEAU DE BEL FRANC DE BEL NV

Winemaker: Olivier Cazenave
Appellation: Vin de France
Region: Bordeaux
Country: France
Grapes: Cabernet Franc
Vintage: Multiple vintages (2011-15)
Closure: Cork
Bottle size: 75cl
Alcohol: 13.5%

METHOD

Cabernet Franc grapes from Bordeaux Supérieur classified vineyards planted on clay-silty soils with gravel underneath. Vinification is in old, 500-litre oak barrels, then ageing in same size and age of oak for 2-5 years using a *solera* type system. Multiple vintages are thus used to iron out the irregularity Olivier finds in Bordeaux Cabernet Franc, as well as get away from the obsession with vintages.

TASTING NOTES

Smoky, toasty, gently spiced and floral aroma, some liquorice, mint and black fruits, then very fruit forward, followed by hints of herbs and violets, overall a lovely freshness and texture.

VICTUALS

Veal escalopes, roast turkey, grilled tuna