



CHÂTEAU BEYCHEVELLE

VINTAGE 2009

Dates of harvest 2009

From September 21st to October 12th

Production

73.2 ha in Saint Julien

Yield

45 hl/ha

Blend

Cabernet Sauvignon 46%

Merlot 44%

Cabernet Franc 6%

Petit Verdot 4%

2009, a unique vintage

The 2009 growing season and harvest benefited from exceptionally fine weather from beginning to end.

After a very sunny and dry month of March, the first buds appeared in early April when it was wet and cool. Flowering took place the last week of May during summerlike conditions.

Hot, sunny, dry days and cool nights in September were particularly conducive to good ripening.

The 2009 vintage has many unique characteristics, and the degree of alcohol has never been higher. Furthermore, both the tannin and polyphenol levels broke all records in 2009. However, thanks to beautiful acidity, the wine remains fresh and well-balanced.

It is tremendously fruity (with blackcurrant, black cherry and very ripe blackberry nuances) reflecting just the right degree of maturity in the grapes, without any over-ripeness.

2009 Château Beychevelle displays not only finesse and balance, but also enormous power. It can undoubtedly be considered as one of the estate's historic vintages, and we will be delighted to compare it with other great years.