

Un Cycle à Deux

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Your main character traits?
We are challenging and honest

The country where you would like to live in?
Switzerland or Ireland

Your favorite flower?
Black Baccara Rose

Your current state of mind?
Determined and moving forward

In our family, winegrowing is a passion that has been passed down from generation to generation. My grandfather, Alban, owned Château Les Martins. In 1978, my father, Jean-Michel, founded Château Haut La Valette before bringing the two estates together in 2000 to create a 25-hectare family vineyard. After studying viticulture and winemaking and gaining several years of professional experience, I joined the family estate in 2008 and took over its management in 2022. My ambition is to preserve our family's expertise while bringing a modern approach, both in the vineyard through changes to the grape varieties we grow and in the winery to meet the expectations of today's diverse wine consumers. Throughout the year, as the vine and the wine follow their natural cycle, our complementary personalities and shared expertise work together to strengthen and carry forward the family heritage that means so much to us.



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BLAYE CÔTES DE BORDEAUX

Village: Cars

Terroir: Soil of clay-limestone - South-West sun exposed slopes - 40-year-old vines

Winemaking and ageing: Mechanical harvest at the end of september. Traditional winemaking : yeasting, pumping-over and delestage, depending on the wine structure. Temperature regulation. Three-week fermentation. Ageing in stainless steel vats with wood input.

Blend: 100% Merlot

Tasting comments: Deep colour. The nose is highly expressive, combining sun-ripened fruit aromas with subtle liquorice notes. The palate is rich and full-bodied, supported by ripe, silky tannins resulting from excellent ripeness. Round and beautifully balanced, this wine is a fine expression of one of the Blaye region's finest terroirs.

Food and wine pairings: Stuffed quail and butternut squash gratin.

