Beychevelle



PRODUCER
Beychevelle

REGION
Bordeaux

WHERE
Saint-Julien, Bordeaux

CLASSIFICATION
Fourth Growth (1855)

GRAPES
Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot

VINTAGE AND SIZE
1989 · 75cl

About Beychevelle

Château Beychevelle lies at the southern entrance to Saint-Julien, overlooking the Gironde. It was ranked a Fourth Growth in the 1855 Classification. Its name is said to come from 'baisse-voile', the order to lower sails given to ships passing the estate when it belonged to the Duc d'Épernon, an admiral of France, and a ship appears on its label.

The estate is owned by Grands Millésimes de France, and its elegant château is one of the most admired in the Médoc. Beychevelle is generally considered to perform above its Fourth Growth ranking, and it has long been a favourite of collectors.

About the wine

The grand vin of Château Beychevelle is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, with small amounts of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. It is a classic Saint-Julien: elegant and harmonious, with blackcurrant, cedar and fine tannins rather than sheer power. It is fairly approachable when young and ages well, often over twenty years or more.

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