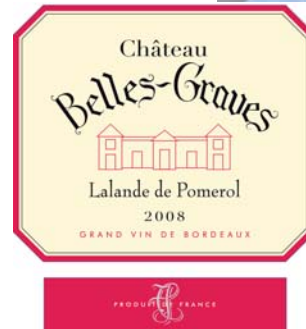


- > **Domain** : Chateau Belles Graves
- > **Winegrower** : Xavier Piton
- > **Town** : Néac
- > **Region** : Bordeaux
- > **Appellation(s)** : Lalande de Pomerol
- > **Cultivated space** : 17 ha
- > **Production** : 100 000 btles
- > **Soil(s)** : Clay-Gravelly



## The philosophy of the domain :

Situated on a gravelly mound facing south, the vineyard of Château Belles-Graves covers an area of 17 hectares planted with Merlot (88%) and Cabernet Franc (12%). Property of the THEALLET family since 1938, the estate is managed today by Xavier PITON, the grandson of the founder. The variety of exposures, levels and type of soils from top to bottom and east to west of the hill, offers a wide range of expressions, that bring in the final blending the signature of this historical estate.

## Mode of driving of the vineyard, wine-making and ageing :

The manner in which the vines are grown remains traditional. The ground is ploughed mechanically. The harsh Guyot pruning the vines receive along with the de-budding allow the yield to be controlled; 45-50 Hl averagely per hectare, from a density of vine plants of around 6600 on average in the same area. When necessary a leaf-thinning during the summer period will help improving the ripening process, in order to get the perfect balance at the harvest time. The harvest is made partly by machine and partly by hand, depending on the age of the vineyard. Each field will be picked at its best level of ripeness. The vinification is carried out in temperature-controlled concrete tanks. The period of time the wine spends in the tanks depends entirely on the year, but remains there for an average of 25 days. Following the running-off, the wines are returned to the tanks for malo-lactic fermentation; then they are racked and put into barrels. We use new wood, chasted, to preserve the subtlety of the grapes own qualities and we include barrels used once and twice before. The wines spend 12 months here during which they are subject of constant attention.

## Some references :

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