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ECHAPPÉE BEL BORDEAUX ROUGE / CHATEAU DE BEL / NV / BORDEAUX / FRANCE

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PRODUCER

First, you would have to be crazy to buy a property in Bordeaux in 2003. Indeed, everybody talked about crisis – and still talking today - poor sales and price decrease. It's true, this is exactly what is happening, but with my past ten years in wine business I realised that it's possible to sell good wines, less expensive, but they are sold. So, I worked on this goal without too much presumption, with the desire to produce a tasty and affordable wine. I am tired of all of these cuvées well made but too much expensive to prepare, and in terms of quality, often standardised.

Château
de Bel

VITICULTURE + VINIFICATION

The vines are planted on clay-silty soils close to the Dordogne river. Fermentation in stainless steel tanks to retain freshness and primary fruit flavours, like cherries and fresh raspberries. It's super fruity, rounded and a delight to drink. Proper claret!

TASTING NOTE

Intense garnet colour with notes of cherries and fresh raspberries. Fruity, round and very easy to drink. Echappée - meaning an 'escape', such as a romantic getaway, or in cycling a 'breakaway' - is Olivier's multi-vintage house blend, the red version a mixture of a few recent vintages of Merlot from the biodynamic vineyards of Château de Bel. Olivier makes his wines non-vintage partly to create a reliable house style (as in Champagne), partly to distance the wines from what can sometimes be an unhealthy obsession with this or that vintage in Bordeaux.

FACTS + STATS

WINEMAKER	OLIVIER CAZENAVE
VARIETIES	100% MERLOT
APPELLATION	BORDEAUX
FORMAT	0.750L
CLOSURE	NATURAL CORK
ALCOHOL	13%
SUGAR	- G/L
TOTAL ACIDITY	- G/L
BIODYNAMIC	YES
VEGAN	YES
VEGETARIAN	YES
TOTAL SULPHUR	__NULL MG/L
CASE SIZE	12



