

Château Bel-Air

CUVEE JEAN & GABRIEL

Named for the winemaker's Grandfather & Great-Grandfather

—RARE FIRST-GROWTH BLEND FOR LESS THAN THIRTY DOLLARS—

The Dream Blend:

50% Cabernet Franc
50% Merlot

In the school of

- Chateau Ausone
- Chateau Angelus
- Chateau Cheval Blanc
- Le Dome

90 points

"The 2016 Bel-Air Jean & Gabriel is deep, rich and super-expressive. Super-ripe black cherry, plum, lavender, menthol and licorice all flesh out in this deep, succulent wine.

The blend of equal parts Merlot and Cabernet Franc works especially well here. Bel-Air Jean & Gabriel is a Lussac Saint-Émilion endowed with real substance and character."

—Antonio Galloni



"It has quite an opulent bouquet with blueberry and black cherry fruit... This is probably the best Jean & Gabriel produced so far."
—Neal Martin

92 points

"Very rich aromas of dark berries, earth and milk chocolate. This is rich and round with a lovely, soft texture and juicy, flavorful fruit."

—James Suckling

Château Bel-Air is located in the heart of the Lussac Saint-Emilion appellation, just outside of the high-rent district of St. Emilion Grand Cru. The 50-acre estate has been in the Roi family for more than a century, and it is today run by Jean-Noël Roi.

Cuvée Jean & Gabriel is named for the grandfather and great-grandfather of the current generation of the Roi brothers and is made from vines that average 30 years and is comprised of the **highly-desirable Cheval Blanc/Ausone/Angelus-like blend of 50% Merlot and 50% Cabernet Franc.** The brilliant Stéphane Derenoncourt consults on this special cuvée of less than 1,000 cases.



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91 points

2015: This is very tannic and powerful with lots of berry and wet earth character. **Full and big. Impressive for the appellation.**

Attractive mulberry and ripe red plums with a core of gently grainy tannins in an almost chalky mode. Juicy and bold finish.

92 points

2016: Very rich aromas of dark berries, earth and milk chocolate. **This is rich and round with a lovely, soft texture and juicy, flavorful fruit.** Drink after 2022.

| item# | family description | appellation | vintage | pack | size | wholesale | retail post |
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| 232071 | Chateau Bel Air, Jean & Gabriel | Lussac-St. Emilion | 2015 | 6 | 750 | 17.33 | 25.99 |
| 232183 | Chateau Bel Air, Jean & Gabriel | Lussac-St. Emilion | 2016 | 6 | 750 | 19.33 | 28.99 |