

















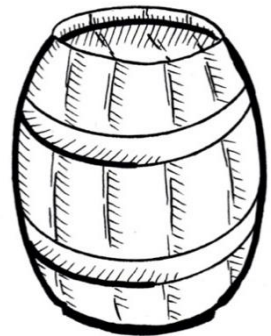


2018 Château Bel-Air La Royère



	White		Organic
	2018		Environmentally considerate farmer
	Floral		
	Citrus and apricot		Medium Complexity
	3 months in 1 year old oak		Ready to drink now, drink within 3 years
	Côtes de Blaye, Bordeaux		
	Sauvignon Blanc		Young vines
	Fish (scallops) and salads		14

This is an extraordinary plot of land – a tiny 1 hectare vineyard on clay and limestone soil. The wines are aged in 1 year old oak barrels for 3 months, which is unusual for Sauvignon Blanc. The wine is only made in exceptional years and 2018 was outstanding.



I have been following this wonderful estate for many years. Corinne Loriaud took over winemaking duties about 15 years ago (her husband has followed a path into politics). With Corinne at the helm the wines have gone from strength to strength. The vineyards are in the Côtes de Blayes, which is on the Right Bank of Bordeaux – famous for Merlot dominated, sumptuous red wines.

There is masterful winemaking at play here. The small amount of time in oak adds a wonderful dimension to this Sauvignon Blanc. As well as the concentrated flavours of ripe apple, lemon and lime, there is a soft mouth-feel which fills your mouth with pleasure. Typical Sauvignon Blanc high acidity and perfect balance.

