

# Bel

**CLASSIFICATION**

DOK Malta – Denominazzjoni ta’ Origini Kontrollata

**YEAR**

2010

**VARIETAL/S**

Syrah of Malta

**TASTING NOTES**

Bel has a ruby-red colour with a purple rim; aromas of ripe berry fruits with hints of spices; and a complex, cherry-blackberry flavour with an enduring finish.

**VINTAGE REPORT**

Winter weather was regular, the first half experiencing mild temperatures and recording average seasonal rainfall. This created ideal conditions for budburst and later development phases. A longer than normal vegetative phase was combined with a slight delay in grape-ripeness. This helped preserve the vines’ aromatic characteristics and favoured the development of soft and delicate tannins.

**PRODUCT INFORMATION**

The name ‘Bel’ recalls the Phoenician god of fertility worshipped under various names throughout the Punic world.

The Bel was first released in 1997 (vintage 1996)

Available in 375ml and 750ml.

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**VINTAGE REPORT**

Winter weather was relatively mild with a slightly higher rainfall than usual. The resulting moisture reserves in the soil promoted a balanced budburst and a regular vegetative growth pattern. Summer weather and sunshine enabled a normal ripening of grapes and the production of aromatic wines and satisfactory tannin content.

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2012

**VARIETAL/S**

Syrah of Malta

**TASTING NOTES**

Bel has a ruby-red colour with a purple rim; aromas of ripe berry fruits with hints of spices; and a complex, cherry-blackberry flavour with an enduring finish.

**VINTAGE REPORT**

Although winter temperatures were colder than normal, rainfall was average. The slightly larger bunches than normal were offset by an earlier ripening of the grapes. This vintage demonstrated that, despite the warm microclimate, grapes can achieve an optimal ripening level – bouquet-wise and palate-wise, thanks to the vineyard’s proximity to the sea.

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2013

**VARIETAL/S**

Syrah of Malta

**TASTING NOTES**

Bel has a ruby-red colour with a purple rim; aromas of ripe berry fruits with hints of spices; and a complex, cherry-blackberry flavour with an enduring finish.

**VINTAGE REPORT**

Winter recorded normal temperature and rainfall levels. Budburst started during the first week of March and shoot development progressed evenly throughout the season. The slow, constant ripening of the grapes produced wines with a distinct varietal character.

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**YEAR**

2014

**VARIETAL/S**

Syrah of Malta

**TASTING NOTES**

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**VINTAGE REPORT**

This vintage confirmed all those weather conditions that characterize the atmosphere of our small Mediterranean island. Precipitation and temperatures have gone hand in hand respecting the seasonal average. This has resulted in a regular and uniform shooting of the plants in the spring, which subsequently allowed a balanced vegetative growth during the entire season. There has been an increase in production over the previous years and a slower maturation over a longer period of time. These ideal conditions surrounded by the presence of the sea have confirmed expectations that are expressed through fresh and well balanced wines, characterized by a lively aromatic bouquet.

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**YEAR**

2015

**VARIETAL/S**

Syrah of Malta

**TASTING NOTES**

Bel has a ruby-red colour with a purple rim; aromas of ripe berry fruits with hints of spices; and a complex, cherry-blackberry flavour with an enduring finish.

**VINTAGE REPORT**

This vintage was characterized by a very wet winter, which has helped have a good water retention in the soil to guarantee regular sprouting. The spring temperatures have been similar to the seasonal averages and this has favored a normal succession of vegetation growth. In summer maturation was slow and has continued throughout the month of August and compared to the previous there has been a slight drop in yield. All this is expressed through wines which are particularly rich in aromas with classic olfactory notes that remind us of their territory, elegance and a long finish on the palate.

**PRODUCT INFORMATION**

The name ‘Bel’ recalls the Phoenician god of fertility worshipped under various names throughout the Punic world.

The wine is aged for 8 months in French oak barrique (225 lt) and after bottling it rests for a further 6 months in the bottle.

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**CLASSIFICATION**

DOK Malta – Denominazzjoni ta’ Origni Kontrollata

**YEAR**

2016

**VARIETAL/S**

Syrah of Malta

**TASTING NOTES**

Bel has a ruby-red colour with a purple rim; smoky aromas, scents of ripe berry fruits with hints of spices; and a complex, cherry-blackberry flavour with an enduring finish.

**VINTAGE REPORT**

This vintage was characterized by the very little rainfall. Temperatures were in line with seasonal averages, except for winter which was slightly warmer. Due to the high temperatures in January and February sprouts occurred slightly earlier than in the previous year. Because of the little rain and excessive heat on the island, the grapes matured in advance but despite this, we have obtained good productions for all the varieties in our vineyards. Having invested a lot of time in the vineyard, managing the foliage of the plants and maximizing the water in the soil, we have achieved some very good wines, which despite the warm weather, all in all, are very fresh, well balanced characterized by lively aromas in the whites and deep intense colors in the reds.

**PRODUCT INFORMATION**

The name ‘Bel’ recalls the Phoenician god of fertility worshipped under various names throughout the Punic world.

Part of the wine is aged for 6 months in French oak barrique (225 lt) while a part is preserved in stainless steel to maintain freshness, after blending and bottling it rests for a further 6 months in the bottle.

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**YEAR**

2018

**VARIETAL/S**

Syrah of Malta

**TASTING NOTES**

Bel has a ruby-red colour with a purple rim; smoky aromas, scents of ripe berry fruits with hints of spices; and a complex, cherry-blackberry flavour with an enduring finish.

**VINTAGE REPORT**

The 2018 vintage was characterized by the constant rainfalls registered in spring. This made it quite challenging, but at the end, grape production was abundant. Excellent work and control on the white grape varieties, and the thorough selection on the red grape varieties have given the desired quality and balance to the wines.

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2019

## VARIETAL/S

Syrah of Malta

## TASTING NOTES

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## VINTAGE REPORT

The 2019 vintage was characterized by low temperatures during the budding period which slowed down the entire vegetative cycle. The abundant spring rains produced an excess of vegetation which resulted into a lower production, which was less than average when compared to previous years, but the grapes were of higher quality.

The wines have fragrant olfactory notes and also optimal physiological maturity, characteristics that have given a nice balance to all the wines produced during this vintage.

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