

## **Bela Rex**

**Grape varieties:** 50 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 50 % Merlot

Vintage: 2008

Vine age: 17 – 27 years old

**Soil:** Gravelly loess and calcareous loam

Vinification: All grapes are picked by hand. The harvest of the blend began with

Merlot, followed by Cabernet Sauvignon end of October. Weather conditions were perfect. Each grape variety was vinified separately. Traditional fermentation on the skins took place in stainless steel with

submersion of the cap 2-4 times daily. Malolactic fermentation

followed in oak barrels. The wines matured for 20 months in small oak barrels. After assemblage of the blend, it matured for another two

months in a large wooden cask.

**Bottling:** October 2010

**Analysis:** Alcohol by volume 14.5 %, residual sugar 1.0 g/l, acidity 6.2 g/l

**Tasting note:** Dark ruby garnet, solid core, purple reflexes. Plum fruit with a smoky-

roasted touch, blackberries, a hint of sponge cake and dried fruit, mineral nuances, powerful, elegant, hint of red berries, well integrated tannis, a little cassis in the finish, full-bodied, already quite drinkable,

good storage potential.

**Best enjoyment:** 2010 – 2022, with optimal storage

**Drinking temperature:**  $16-18 \,^{\circ}\text{C} \, (60-64 \,^{\circ}\text{F})$ 

**Food pairing:** Dark meat and game dishes

**Available bottle sizes:** 0.375 l, 0.75 l, Magnum (1.5 l), double Magnum (3 l), Imperial (6 l),

Salmanazar (9 l), Balthazar (12 l), Nebuchadnezzar (15 l),

Melchior (18 l)

Albert und Silvia Gesellmann wish abundant enjoyment with this wine!