

La Croix de Beaucaillou

2de wijn van Ch. Ducru-Beaucaillou

Millésime :	2010
Appellatie :	Saint-Julien
Domein :	Château Ducru-Beaucaillou 2 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé

Ch. Ducru-Beaucaillou vindt haar oorsprong begin XVIIIde eeuw, meer bepaald in 1720. Het kasteel dankt zijn naam aan de mooie en grote keien 'beaux et gros cailloux' die zo kenmerkend zijn voor het terroir en die zich vertalen in elegante wijnen met veel finesse. Net zoals de grote Crus Classés die zich – van Margaux in het zuiden tot Saint-Estèphe in het noorden – nestelen langs de riviermonding, geniet dit domein een uitzonderlijke ligging in de Médoc met een adembenemend uitzicht over de Gironde. Bovendien is Ch. Ducru-Beaucaillou één van de enige Cru Classés in de regio die op z'n wijnkelders is gebouwd en ook permanent bewoond is door de eigenaars. Dit domein behoort al meer dan 60 jaar toe aan de familie Borie. Vandaag de dag staan mevrouw Jean-Eugène Borie, haar dochter Sabine Coiffe en haar zoon Bruno Eugène aan het hoofd.



Oppervlakte :	75 ha
Druivensoorten :	85% Cabernet Sauvignon 15% Merlot
Gemiddelde leeftijd v/d wijnranken :	35 jaar
Rendement:	45.81 hl/ha
Bodem :	kieselhoudend
Rijping :	gedurende 12 maand op houten vaten 60% nieuwe vaten/40% vaten van 1 wijn
Alcohol Percentage:	14%

SCORES

26/09/2013 **STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR (STEPHEN TANZER) : 89 / 100**

Stephen
Tanzer

Good dark red. Aromas of cassis, menthol, spices, herbs and mocha went into a shell in the glass. Sweet raspberry, currant, tobacco and spice flavors are supple and pliant in spite of the wine's firm acidity and high percentage of cabernet sauvignon. This juicy, approachable wine offers nicely ripe tannins and excellent length.

31/03/2013 **WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES MOLESWORTH) : 91 / 100**

Wine
Spectator

Ripe and enticing, with mesquite, steeped plum, lightly mulled blackberry and bittersweet ganache notes all seamlessly layered and carrying through the charcoal-tinged finish. Shows good grip, but on track to be approachable soon. Best from 2014 through 2024. -JM

28/02/2013 **WINE ADVOCATE (ROBERT PARKER) : 90 / 100**

PARKER

Coming from a totally separate vineyard, this blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot sports a dramatic label designed by Jade Jagger, the daughter of rock legend Mick. The wine is richly fruity, lush, fleshy, very flamboyant, and seems to have more in common with the 2009 vintage than the more structured, backward and restrained 2010s. The wine is medium to full-bodied, luscious and best drunk over the next 10-15 years.

17/02/2013 **JAMESUCKLING.COM (JAMES SUCKLING) : 94 / 100**

JAMES
SUCKLING

I love the aromas of minerals, flowers, blackberries and blueberries. Full body with a fabulous texture of polished and integrated tannins. It goes on for minutes. Spicy, subtle fruit and a long and marvelous finish. Currant bush undertones. A whole and beautiful wine. The second wine of Ducru-Beaucaillou. Drink or hold.

12/02/2013 **WINE ADVOCATE (NEAL MARTIN) : 93 / 100**

Wine
Advocate

The Croix de Beaucaillou is very well defined with lifted dark cherries, boysenberry and crushed violets lending it an almost Margaux-like allure. The palate is rich and generous on the entry, a voluminous, mouth-filling Croix de Beaucaillou laden with ebullient lush dark plum and cassis notes infused with date and Asian spice. It is backward and surly on the finish, but it should grow up to become an excellent Saint Julien. Tasted November 2012.

30/06/2011 **GAULTMILLAU : 17 / 100**

Gault
Millau

Composé à 85% de cabernet-sauvignon, ce second vin de Beaucaillou se présente avec élégance et puissance mais n'est pas dénué de rigueur. Belle profondeur dans un registre floral et d'épices.

31/05/2011 **WINE ADVOCATE (ROBERT PARKER) : 90-92 / 100**

PARKER

2010 La Croix de Beaucaillou: This represented 55% of the production and now, under Bruno Borie, comes from the same vineyard almost every year. (The vineyard is on the other side of the Route du Vin, separating Beaucaillou from estates such as St.-Pierre, Branaire-Ducru and Gloria.) Sweet mulberry and boysenberry fruit intermixed with licorice, forest floor and earth are followed by an opulently textured, fleshy wine that is dense and outstanding. I joked with Bruno Borie that the second wine is probably better than many of the Ducru Beaucaillous produced in the 1970s. It should drink well for 10-15 years. Drink 2011-2026

31/05/2011 WINE ADVOCATE (NEAL MARTIN) : 91-93 / 100



A blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot, destined to be aged in 80% new oak for 12 months, the Croix du Beaucaillou delivers 13.66% alcohol at a pH of 3.64. It has a very refined bouquet, great definition but tightly-wound at the moment. Hints of black cherries, blackberry and a touch of boysenberry. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine tannins, a lovely creamy texture with fine precision on the finish. Everything in its right place. Tasted March 2011.

24/05/2011 ASIAN PALATE (JEANNIE CHO LEE MW) : 90-91 / 100



The deep ruby purple 2010 Croix de Beaucaillou offers up notes of plums, blackberries, cedar and cassis, and dark berry fruit flavours, impressing as a tightly knit, very extracted wine of great density and richness. This is clearly made in a very structured style, which will take many years to come around but will eventually reward the patient.

12/05/2011 LE POINT (JACQUES DUPONT) : 15,5 / 20



Fruits noirs, violette, bouche douce, tendre, élégante, fraîche, fin tanins délicats. O=2014 G=10 ans

30/04/2011 DECANTER MAGAZINE (STEVEN SPURRIER) : 17 / 20



Very good depth of Cabernet-dominated fruit, lightly spicy, silky length, perfect balance. Drink 2015-25. (17 points)

30/04/2011 JAMESSUCKLING.COM (JAMES SUCKLING) : 92-93 / 100



What a beautiful nose with currants and spices and hints of filtered coffee. Full and silky with beautiful texture and length. Second wine. Excellent.

25/04/2011 THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER (JEFF LEVE) : 91-93 / 100



"Croix de Beaucaillou is a blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot. 2010 marks the debut for the new label promoting the estates efforts to market this brand as a unique wine, and not a second label of Ducru Beaucaillou. According to Bruno Borie, the reason for this is; the wine emanates from a different terroir than the Grand Vin. Cassis, plums and anise scents lead to a wine offering juicy ripe plums and hints of coca. Fresh, clean and polished, this is a strong effort for Croix de Beaucaillou. The wine is going to be aged in 80% new oak for about 12 months. 91-93 Pts"

19/04/2011 JANCIS ROBINSON (JANCIS ROBINSON) : 17 / 20



Since 2005 it is no longer a second wine but from a plot in the centre of the appellation with less estuarine influence. Very deep crimson. Deep crimson. Very rich and round. Suave and convincing. Lots of life and masses of fruit. €30-35 euros. A new label designed by a British designer will be launched at Annabels, London in May. Drink 2017-2028

08/04/2011 WINE ENTHUSIAST (ROGER VOSS) : 91-93 / 100



This is no longer a second wine, but a wine with its own portion of Ducru Beaucaillou's vineyard. It is juicy and rich, without being overpowering. The acidity at the end is both very ripe and fresh.-R.V.

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Les origines du Ch. Ducru-Beaucaillou remontent au tout début du XVIII^{ème} et précisément à 1720. Il doit son nom aux 'beaux et gros cailloux' qui caractérisent son terroir dont les exceptionnels avantages viticoles se traduisent dans la finesse et l'élégance des vins qu'il permet de produire. Comme les plus grands crus classés qui, de Margaux au sud à Saint-Estèphe au nord, s'égrènent le long de l'estuaire, cette propriété est perchée sur un splendide site médocain avec une vue imprenable sur la Gironde. C'est un des seuls châteaux de la région bordelaise qui soit bâti sur ses chais et l'un des rares crus classés habités en permanence par ses propriétaires. La famille Borie possède cette propriété depuis plus de soixante ans. Gérée par Jean-Eugène Borie SA, elle appartient à Madame Jean-Eugène Borie, sa fille Sabine Coiffe et son fils Bruno Eugène (Président du Directoir).



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Sol :	graves
Elevage :	12 mois à 60% en fûts neufs et 40% en fûts de 1 vin.
Taux d'alcool:	14%