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Alexandre MA - AMA

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Markus del Monego MW - TASTETAINMENT **98**

"The construction is **careful and measured, extremely impressive, this has decades ahead.**"

Jane Anson - INSIDE BORDEAUX

98

"d'une grande suavité, long, finale tendue ; **très médocain, sérieux.**"

Jacques Dupont - LE POINT

18.5+

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

Jeff Leve

2022 Château Ducru-Beaucaillou (St. Julien)

Inky dark in color, the wine exudes blackberries, smoke, currants, nutmeg, flowers, Cuban cigar wrapper, black cherries, smoke, and spice in the nose. On the palate, the wine is dense, and intense, yet light on its feet with seemingly, endless waves of deep, black and red, spicy fruits. There is symmetry, balance, and freshness on the palate. The tannins are present, silky, and refined. The wine is silky, supple, creamy, and seamless in the finish, which moves from black fruits, to red fruits and back to black fruits with spice, and accents of mint and a touch of citrus at the very end of the finish, which lingers for at least 60 seconds. Ducru Beaucaillou has been on an unstoppable roll since 2009. Produced from blending 81% Cabernet Sauvignon and 19% Merlot, 14% ABV, 3.8 pH. Picking took place September 7 -- October 4. Drink from 2028-2065. 98-100 Pts.

Tasted May 8, 2023

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Yves Beck

CHÂTEAU DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU 2022

Dégusté le 16.04.2023 par Yves Beck

82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot

L'intensité du fruit annonce d'emblée de la fraîcheur et du plaisir ! Nuances florales, minérales et épicées complétées par des parfums de griottes et de sureau !

En bouche le vin assure avec sérénité... comme il l'a régulièrement fait au cours de nombreux millésimes. Il ne veut pas briller par son exubérance mais bien plus par sa subtilité, par son aptitude à s'imposer au travers de sa finesse, sa pertinence et son harmonie. Ainsi les tannins sont porteurs et fins tout en conférant une fine amertume qui ne fait que bonifier la persistance de la finale. Ducru a su une fois de plus se surpasser, une fois de plus tout remettre en question avec pour finalité de non seulement défier les conclusions hâtives liées à 2022 mais en plus de rappeler à quel point Ducru sait se profiler dans les nombreux contextes qu'il a traversés au fil des décennies. Un vin serein, éblouissant, fin, puissant, élégant et attachant 2028-2055 **98-100/100**





Olivier Poels



Château Ducru-Beaucaillou



Appellation :
Saint-Julien

Couleur :
Rouge

La recherche d'une grande précision dans le choix de la date des vendanges et de l'extraction de la matière a permis d'élaborer un vin d'une définition ultime. Le nez exprime des notes délicieuses de fruits frais, de graphite, de poivre la bouche déroule sa texture veloutée, suave, avec un grain d'une finesse absolue. Il tutoie les sommets. Les autres crus de la gamme (Le Petit Ducru, La Croix) sont aussi de superbe facture.

ALEXANDRE MA[®]

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou

Red - 2022



Château Ducru-Beaucaillou 2022 takes you to the heights of sublime balance. On one hand, the sweltering heat of 2022 gives rise to fervent flames; on the other, the inherent character of Château Ducru-Beaucaillou exudes a surge of passion. Remarkably, when these two powerful forces meet, they transform into a gentle, blue flame, so mild that you could even touch its incandescent core. The signature mulberry and black goji berry flavors dance amidst a backdrop of licorice, clove, and orange stem. As the opulent wine graces your taste buds, it immediately shifts into a refreshing, delicate caress. Who could resist such an enchantingly alluring wine, free from pretense or affectation? In my view, the vintage of 2022 is a timeless masterpiece that stands shoulder to shoulder with Château Ducru-Beaucaillou 2010.



Markus del Monego MW

Chateau Ducru-Beaucaillou 2022

Ruby. Cassis, blackberries, anise, spices, liquorice, layered, scented, detailed, rich, stunning nose, very intense. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, cassis, blackberries, fruit driven, layered, intense and deep, stunning intensity and very refreshing, layered and deep

99p

- Christer Byklum

Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Stunning nose with great complexity, elderberries, blueberries and hints of blackcurrant spurs, fine toasting, graphite and hints of pencil shavings, discreet floral hints in the background. On the palate excellent freshness and great elegance, ripe tannins, succulent fruit and distinct oriental spice. Excellent depth and length with tension. A truly great Ducru-Beaucaillou in a very rich yet precise style, close to perfection.

98p

- Markus Del Monego MW/BWW2022-Best Germany Wine Critic of the World

JANE ANSON

INSIDE BORDEAUX

TASTED BY JANE ANSON - 17 APRIL 2023

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou St Julien 1855 2ième Cru 2022

Deep damson colour, poised and intense, a serious wine with crushed mint, graphite and bitter black chocolate on the opening beats, setting the tone for a slow reveal of confident St Julien character. Powerful tannins convey purity and precision, set against creamy cassis and bilberry fruits, with softer smoked earth and baked spice, and a slate finish. The construction is careful and measured, extremely impressive, this is has decades ahead. 3.8ph, 95IPT. 100% new oak. 30hl/h yield.

SCORE 98



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Vladimir Kauffmann

Saint-Julien – Médoc – Château Ducru Beaucaillou : 98/100

Le vin se présente sur les fruits noirs murs, avec un bel équilibre, une belle acidité et salinité, la finale est élégante et délicate.

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Adrian van Velsen

2022, Château
Ducru
Beaucaillou

97-99

France,
Bordeaux,
Saint-Julien

100% bois neuf. 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot. Le nez sent incroyablement beau, des notes florales sur beaucoup de fruits noirs, le cassis danse avec des herbes fraîchement coupées, super profond et clair et pur. Délicat, franc en bouche, d'une formidable fraîcheur, le vin a un noyau de fruit croquant, le boisé est à peine perceptible, plein d'énergie, avec un arc de tension, des tanins sensationnels et une acidité très fine, qui donne au vin légèreté et fraîcheur malgré les 14% d'alcool. Long et équilibré. Plein de finesse ! (Dégusté "En Primeur" en avril 2023 / UGCB / Château Ducru-Beaucaillou) #primeurs22

JEB DUNNUCK

2022 Chateau Ducru-Beaucaillou

RATING

97-99

TASTING DATE

5/10/2023

MATURITY

unavailable

REVIEWED BY

Jeb Dunnuck

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Bordeaux 2022 En
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REVIEW

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Moving to the Grand Vin, it's a slightly more Merlot-influenced blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon and 18% Merlot, raised in new barrels. It brings the same level of concentration and structure as the La Croix but has another level of class, elegance, and purity, with sensational aromatics of crème de cassis, graphite, crushed stone, sandalwood, and graphite. The purity here is truly remarkable, and it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, perfectly integrated oak, silky tannins, and a great finish. This beauty hit 14% natural alcohol with a pH of 3.8 and an IPT of 95. Given its balance as well as its texture, it's going to offer pleasure with just short-term cellaring yet also evolve for decades.



Lisa Perrotti-Brown

2022 Ducru-Beaucaillou

Ducru-Beaucaillou

97 - 99

The 2022 Ducru-Beaucaillou is made from 82% Cabernet Sauvignon and 18% Merlot with a yield of 29 hl/ha, and represents 25% of the year's production. Deep garnet-purple in color, it soars out of the glass with graceful, energetic notes of crushed blackcurrants, redcurrant preserves, wild blueberries, and dark chocolate, followed by touches of violets, clove oil, cumin seed, and cast-iron pan. The medium to full-bodied palate is built like a skyscraper, delivering very firm, super-ripe, grainy tannins and seamless freshness to support the densely laden, vibrant black fruits, finishing very long with a spectacular display of mineral and floral fireworks. pH 3.80, TPI 95.

JAMES SUCKLING.COM 



CHÂTEAU DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU ST.-JULIEN 2022

Some much creme de cassis and blackcurrant aromas and flavors here. Full-bodied with powerful tannins, yet fine and layered. Chewy. You can really feel the thick grape skins here. Excellent length. Tannins spread across the palate. Minerally and crushed stone.

Terre de Vins

Mathieu Doumenge

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou

2^e Grand Cru Classé 1855
97-98

Nez de pure concentration, c'est une bombe à retardement, une intensité brune qui se profile. La bouche est percutante, sur une matière très racée, le muscle affleure sous la peau : c'est un pur-sang. La trame tannique est traçante, en poudre de graphite, elle canalise le vin, lui confère de la vigueur, de l'allure et de l'allonge. Cette finale mine de crayon sur nappage de cassis va nous accompagner longtemps.

**bettane +
desseauve**

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou

Rouge

97

Dense, racé à l'extrême, tannin encore un peu sur la rigueur de naissance et qui s'harmonisera avec le temps. Un grand seigneur.

Decanter

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou

St-Julien (2ème Cru Classé)

2022

97

Beautiful and beguiling nose, perfumed blackcurrants and dark fruits; damsons, plums, raspberries and rose petals. Lovely crunchy fruit, real bite and presence in the mouth. Excellent precision, tannins are succulent and ripe they fill the mouth with a juicy, intense granular texture. There is such depth to this - perfume, tobacco, earth, violets and concentrated fruits that have a verticality to them with an unprecedented 98% of Cabernet Sauvignon providing the support and the backbone. There is a crystalline purity to the fruit giving tension to the overall frame, it's focused and driven all with excellent definition. This is not a wallflower of a wine - it's charming and confident, strutting its stuff right now and giving you absolut St-Julien terroir and vintage markers in the glass with slate, graphite and liquorice salinity on show. Skilled winemaking on show.

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Colin Hay

Ducru Beaucaillou 2022 (St Julien; 82% Cabernet Sauvignon; 18% Merlot; a final yield of around 30 hl/ha; pH 3.8; 14% alcohol; Eric Boissenot is the consultant). Brighter and fresher than La Croix with more fruit complexity too – some red berry fruit lightens the profile. Raspberry, loganberry and mulberry, a little leafiness, a little damson. It's less overtly spicy too. More black cracked peppercorns. Juicier and with much more levity than La Croix. Indeed, I find this much more ethereal and the oak is almost imperceptible which is rare here at this stage. Tense and ultra-sapid with lots of energy and a satisfyingly bright crispness. Long and layered with lots of detail, more present because of the gentle extraction and slightly less obvious presence of oak, though it accentuates the subtle florality on the nose (the signature of the vintage in St Julien). Still considerable, but more finely detailed than in recent vintage. Reminiscent of the 2010 or 2016 in terms of the quality of the tannins. 96-98.



Ella Lister et Béatrice Delamotte

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou «*Hypnotisant !*»

Saint-Julien

Note Le Figaro : 96-98/100

Hypnotisant ! Voilà un bouquet où tous les arômes se focalisent comme attirés par une gravité extrême. Les fruits noirs et profonds, les fleurs luxueuses et une trame fraîche tissent une tapisserie opulente, aux couleurs chatoyantes. En bouche, la matière est immense, avec une puissance qui reste fondante soulignée par des tannins granuleux, raffinés. La finale est longue, savoureuse, saline et étincelante, presque épicée et promet un long avenir radieux.

• Antonio Galloni
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Ducru-Beaucaillou 2022 Ducru-Beaucaillou

Saint Julien Grand Cru Classé, Left Bank, Bordeaux

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2032 - 2052

(95-97) pts

The 2022 Ducru-Beaucaillou is elegant and nuanced. Bright red/purplish fruit, rose petal, blood orange, mint and spice give the 2022 unusual brilliance. In most recent vintages, Ducru has been on the opulent side. The 2022, on the other hand, is strict and linear in construction, a wine that is more about persistence than size. Bright saline underpinnings extend the mid-palate into the striking, beaming finish. Harvest took place over four weeks, the longest ever, as opposed to the two weeks or so that is the norm. Yields were 30hL per hectare, down from the 35-37 typical in recent years.

Antonio Galloni. Tasting date: April 2023

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Chris Kissack

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou (St Julien) 2022: The *grand vin* from Bruno Borie and team is a blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 18% Merlot. The yields were about 30 hl/ha here. The aromatics display great purity, with sweet red cherry fruits, vanilla, strawberry and blackcurrant. This translates onto a palate of purely defined fruits, a touch darker than the nose, with sweet and plump red cherry laced with blackcurrant, dark chocolate and a touch of sage, underpinned by a ripe and finely knit core of tannins. This has a charming composition, with a rich tannic frame that feels appropriate for the *terroir*, although the blanket of fruit that lies over the top has a more ethereal, delicately stitched composition than I usually find here. It all culminates in a rich, simmering grip of tannins, and lingers a long time. A very finely composed Ducru-Beaucaillou which will need a long time to come around. The alcohol is 13.94%. 95-97/100 🍷

Tim Atkin^{MW}

Rod Smith MW

Ducru-Beaucaillou GCC

96

82 CS 18 M 14%

Closed smoky oak aromas with sweet briar and pipe tobacco, some earth. Voluptuous and palate-coating in the mouth. Wonderful silkiness of texture and ripe profound tannins. There is layer upon layer of black and blue fruit depth, and the finish is long and comes in many waves, with a saline peppery touch at the very end. There is a lot of tannin - well, a lot of everything, but all in harmony and balance. This will need and repay many years cellaring, but may well be approachable after around eight with the right food due to its weight of fruit.




William Kelley

2022 Ducru-Beaucaillou

Rating

(94 - 96)

Reviewed by

 [William Kelley](#)

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One of the Médoc's most powerful wines this year is the 2022 Ducru-Beaucaillou, a blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon and 18% Merlot that opens in the glass with aromas of dark cherries and berries mingled with pencils shavings, vanilla pod and spices. Full-bodied, broad-shouldered and muscular, with a core of ripe but lively fruit underpinned by a chassis of powdery, liberally extracted tannin that asserts itself on the finish, it's a punchy, modern Saint-Julien reminiscent of a hypothetical blend of the 2018 and 2020.

matthewjukes

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou (2ème Cru Saint-Julien)

20+

Despite the highly-documented difficulties in the summer, with heat spikes and drought concerns, rainfall appeared when the vineyards needed it most, and no fewer than 180 pickers were used at the height of the harvest, endeavouring to pick every berry at precisely the optimal time. In the end, there was no disease pressure whatsoever and the one-word description of the harvest at Ducru, according to Tracey Dobbin MW, was 'serene'. The crew relied on input from the R&D team to be as precise as possible, and despite Merlot coming fairly fast and the Cabernet berries being tiny, they were thrilled with the quality of the fruit. Tracey described the skins as 'powerful' and 'melt in the mouth', and the seeds were akin to 'toasted hazelnuts'! They decided to kick off fermentation, without a cold soak, at 10C and then let it slowly rise, extracting the flavours as gently as possible. The new vats at Ducru are half the size of the old ones, allowing even more precision and selection during this critical period of winemaking. The resulting wine is utterly mind-blowing, with some of the most dynamic and expressive fruit I have ever seen at this august estate. The impact of the fruit is astounding, and yet this is not a heavyweight wine. Tracey mentioned showjumpers while trying to sum up the character of this wine – powerful, dextrous, explosive and beautiful animals, and this is a good analogy. My analogy is more regimental with perfectly turned-out columns of flavour, impeccably presented and immaculately well-drilled. There are volleys of fruit here, mounting stealthy waves of attacks on your system until you are swarmed with the glossiest, sexiest and most intrusive Cabernet assaults. This is another stellar wine that tastes solely of its property and nowhere else on earth, and this is an indelible hallmark of the very finest wines in 2022. The tannins are as polished and fine-grained as I have experienced in this vintage, and the overall package embraces the unique characters of the 2022 vintage while overlaying them perfectly on the glorious Ducru template. **20+**

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Tjark Witzgall

2022 Ducru-Beaucaillou: 82 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 18 % Merlot, 30 hl/ha. Beguiling bouquet, wild cherry, sloe juice, seductive iris scent, behind dried lilac blossoms, liquorice and blueberry jelly. On the sublime palate with silky texture, tightly woven tannin corset, balanced breed and well-trained body. The concentrated, very precise and long-lasting finish is an explosion of blackberries and elderberry juice, carried by a fine-grained astringency. Impresses this year with discreet "sexyness" and shares second place in St Julien with Léoville-Barton.

19+/20 2032 - 2055

Le Point

Jacques Dupont

Ducru-Beaucaillou 2^e CC

Ducru-Beaucaillou 2022 : 18,5

Baies noires, sauvage, iris, bouche ample, tanins serrés, mais d'une grande suavité, long, finale tendue ; très médocain, sérieux, mais avec un fruit débordant, un côté cailloux, minéral.

James Robinson.com

James Lawther

Ch Ducru-Beaucaillou 2022 St-Julien

17.5 +

82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot. Cask sample.

Deep colour – purple-black to the rim. Cassis and blueberry fragrance with a toasted oak edge. Smoky and minerally as well. Smooth texture with a generous quantity of tannin behind. Concentrated, polished and long. Has the potential but needs time. (JL) 14%

Drink 2034 – 2055