

CHÂTEAU MAUCAILLOU

AOC Moulis-en-Médoc *Millésime 2024*

<u>Surfaces & density</u>: 72 Hectares with 7000 plants/hectare

Yields: 32 hl/ha

Blending: 78 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 20 % Merlot & 2% Petit Verdot.

Harvest: Mechanical with on-board sorting and a manual one in the cellars.

Merlot : 23rd September – 1st October.

Petit Verdot: 2nd & 3rd October.

Cabernet Sauvignon : 28th September – 7th October.

<u>Vinification & élevage</u>: traditional Bordeaux-style vinification in temperature-controlled vats by grape varieties. During alcoholic fermentation, daily pump-overs, divided by the volume of the vat. Devatting after tasting on average 4 weeks after the start of alcoholic fermentation. Tapping in January. Aged in French oak barrels, 30% new, 40% 1 wine, 30% 2 wines.

Alcohol: 12,5%/vol

<u>The Vintage</u>: Between October 2023 and May 2024, the Bordeaux vineyards recorded record rainfall, accompanied by milder-than-usual temperatures. This combination led to exceptionally high parasitic pressure throughout the spring, right up until bunch closure. The summer brought hot spells and drier weather, allowing the vines to make up the lost ground accumulated over the preceding months. Thanks to the resilience and commitment of the estate's teams, a healthy, high-quality harvest was achieved, despite a hailstorm just a few days before the harvest. The decision taken by the technical managers to allow the Cabernet Sauvignons to continue their ripening process deserves to be applauded, given their promising quality.

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<u>Tasting note</u>: From the very first nose, Château Maucaillou 2024 captivates with the depth of its black fruit, enveloped in elegant hints of wood that hint at a beautiful aromatic richness. On the palate, the attack is full-bodied, revealing a structured, racy wine. The beautifully mature tannins combine power and finesse with remarkable precision. The finish prolongs the pleasure, carried by the brilliance of the fruit and delicate notes of roasting, giving the whole a remarkable complexity and hinting at a most promising vintage.

Echoes from the press

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Markus Del Monego 92 (April 2025)



Dark purple colour with violet hue. Ripe nose with aroma reminiscent of dark berries, prunes and hints of dark chocolate. On the palate well structured with firm yet ripe tannins, rather medium bodied but very good length.

Jeff Leve 87-89 (April 2025)



With a strong floral accent to the red berry-oriented perfume, the medium-bodied wine is fresh, forward, soft, and fruity, with a core of red pit fruits that finishes with a savory edge. This will be easy to enjoy with pleasure on release. Drink from 2027-2034.

Peter Moser 89 (April 2025)



Dark ruby, purple reflections, subtle brightening on the rim. Hints of blueberries, soft notes of cranberries, red cherries and orange zest. Slender, subtle sweetness, integrated acidity, mineral finish, vegetal notes on the aftertaste.



Jonathan Choukroune Chicheportiche 91 (April 2025)

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Julia Franco ★★★ (April 2025)



The wine is a deep, dark, not quite opaque purple ruby in color. Dark-fruit aromas are earthy & spicy with perhaps a touch of rasins. The palate opens with lifted violet flavors & clean cedary spice over a black fruit core. Fine tannins on the mid-palate are smooth textured & mouthwatering. Alcohol gives a little richness to the mid-palate & acidity is fresh. A long finish comprises drying fine cedary tannins with graphite touches & chocolatey notes at the end.

Neal Martin 87-89 (April 2025)



The 2024 Maucaillou has quite a perfumed, floral bouquet with black cherries, blueberries and a hint of pressed violet. The palate is mediumbodied with grainy tannins. There is something ferrous about this Moulis. It has a more savoury, almost southern-Italian-like finish, which I can abide.