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Neal Martin – VINOUS

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2021 Chateau Ducru-Beaucaillou

RATING**95-97****TASTING DATE**

6/2/2022

MATURITY*unavailable***REVIEWED BY**

Jeb Dunnuck

SOURCE2021 Bordeaux: A
Challenging Yet Good**REVIEW**[Print !\[\]\(b792654f2cef9719eabeb6c5be00811e_img.jpg\)](#)

Lastly, the 2021 Château Ducru-Beaucaillou might be the wine of the vintage. It has more depth and density than just about every other wine out there, all while still bringing beautiful tannins and elegance. A blend of 98% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Merlot, harvested from September 21 to October 10th, it was vinified in wooden tronconique tanks and is still aging in new barrels. This beauty hit 12.5% natural alcohol, with a pH of 3.88 and an IPT that's just about off the charts. Deep black and blue fruits, graphite, spicy oak, tobacco, and chalky minerality all define the bouquet, and it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, a concentrated, powerful mouthfeel, building yet fine tannins, and a great finish. Where most 2021s are going to offer plenty of up-front appeal, this is going to benefit from a solid 4–6 years of bottle age and be incredibly long lived.



Château Ducru-Beaucaillou (St Julien) 2021: Bruno Borie has gone pretty much all out on Cabernet in the *grand vin*, Cabernet Sauvignon accounting for 98% of the blend, rather more than is usual, with 2% Merlot. Tasted alongside La Croix de Beaucaillou and Le Petit Ducru this presents a very different style on the nose, in particular with its rich array of dark fruits, led by black cherry, currant, dark chocolate and violets. It feels aromatically richer, riper and more complex than many in this vintage. The palate seems a little reluctant at first, showing a more finely polished texture, with beautifully powdered tannins, softly extracted and well-knit with the rest of the wine, although they do make their presence known. It comes with some elegantly integrated acidity. A fresh style, composed, with a rich powdery grip at the end, sinewy and delineated. This is an exceptionally strong result from Bruno and his team. It has just 12.5% alcohol. 93-95/100 



Par Ella Lister et Béatrice Delamotte

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou rouge 2021



96.5/100

«Caressant comme la soie»

96.5/100 Dégusté en 2022

Finesse et soyeux évoquent la robe luisante d'un pur-sang. Le noir domine entre fruits, graphite, chocolat et touche poivrée. Longiligne, caressant comme la soie, avec des tanins poudrés, le vin se cabre avec une finale énergique, légèrement épicee et une amertume bienvenue. Ce millésime frais convient bien à Ducru-Beaucaillou !

Decanter

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien, 2ème Cru Classé, 2021



Tasted by **Georgina Hindle** (at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)



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 focussed 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 absolute St-Julien terroir and vintage markers in the glass with slate, graphite and liquorice salinity on show. Skilled winemaking on show.

Drinking Window 2027 - 2050

Le Point

Jacques Dupont

Ducru-Beaucaillou 2^e CC

Bruno Borie : « *Le Crunch, on a décidé de baptiser ce millésime ! Le Crunch, en rugby, c'est cette idée de combat contre la mauvaise fortune. Le gel qui n'arrive que le week-end, comme la machine à laver qui lâche le vendredi soir veille de pont. Il faut des gens hypermotivés qui se lèvent, qui vont dans les vignes, après l'épisode de pluie avec le mildiou qui menaçait, pareil le week-end. Pendant huit semaines, on a eu nos vaillants Andalous qui sont venus nous aider dans les vignes. Ça nous a permis de profiter des quatre semaines de beau temps qui ont suivi. Je suis très content de nos équipes.* » 98 % cabernet-sauvignon, 2 % merlot. Un vin étonnant construit presque exclusivement avec du cabernet-sauvignon, d'une grande fraîcheur et qui retrouve les degrés raisonnables d'autrefois : 12,5°.

18 - Nez fruits rouges, bouche tendre, élégante, fraîche, longue, joli fruit, droit, raffiné, serré en finale. Le cabernet remplit le milieu de bouche. Long, très beau fruit.

0 = 2026 G = 15 ans



Château Ducru-Beaucaillou St Julien 1855 2ième Cru 2021

TASTED BY JANE ANSON - 7 APRIL 2022

SCORE 96

Plush depth to the savoury black fruit, with the highest ever level of Cabernet Sauvignon in this wine, and it's a stand out in the vintage. Not the exuberance that you find in the most recent years of Ducru, but it is excellent, with a creaminess to the cassis fruit alongside rose petal and peony aromatics. Sculpted and seductive, with the austere tannins that are a signature of the year. 100% new oak, IPT 100.

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

By Jeff Leve

2021 **Ducru Beaucaillou** – Cigar box, tobacco leaf, wet earth, blackberry, flowers, and black currants fill the nose. On the palate, the wine is fresh, polished, soft, and energetic, with a spice, and leafy-tinted finish that leaves you with dark cherries and currants on the backend. There is length, purity, lift, and softness in the finish. This is one of the potential candidates for wine of the vintage. Classic (In a modern way) in style, the wine is a blend of 98% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Merlot. This is the highest percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon in the history of the estate. 12.5% ABV, 3.88 pH, The yields were a scant 25 hectoliters per hectare. Harvest took place September 28 – October 11. Drink from 2026-2055.

95-97



By Lisa Perrotti-Brown

2021 Ducru-Beaucaillou

Ducru-Beaucaillou

92 - 94 +

The 2021 Ducru-Beaucaillou is a blend of 98% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Merlot, the highest-ever proportion of Cabernet, harvested from 21 September to 11 October. Deep garnet-purple colored, it features evocative notes of blackcurrant jelly, fresh plums, and black raspberries. Light-bodied, the palate has a rock-solid structure of firm, grainy tannins - beautifully ripe - with a lively backbone supporting the intense, tightly wound black fruits, leading to a long and earthy finish to this impressive wine. pH 3.88. 101 IPT.

Reviewed by: **Lisa Perrotti-Brown**

Reviewed Date: **May 18, 2022**

Source: **2021 Primeurs, The 10th Plague**



By Markus del Monego MW

Chateau Ducru-Beaucaillou 2021

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, Bordeaux, France

97+

An almost pure Cabernet Sauvignon with just 2% of Merlot displaying a very deep purple colour with violet hue and black core. Very elegant and persistent nose slowly opening up. Refined fruit, ripe blackcurrant and hints of blackcurrant jelly, elderberries in the background, discreet floral lift. On the palate the quintessence of elegance, very refined character, noble fruit and elegant spiciness, fine minerality, excellent length. A great wine with freshness and persistent, a wine with true class.

Terre de Vins

By Mathieu Doumenge

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou

2^e Grand Cru Classé

96-97

À hauteur de 98 %, le cabernet sauvignon atteint une part inédite de l'assemblage de ce Ducru qui est un hymne au Médoc. Une signature distincte dès le premier nez, fruit noir sauvage, liqueur de réglisse, cèdre, graphite. En bouche, se dévoile d'emblée une forme de tonicité séveuse, sur une verticalité sans compromis.

La matière est élancée, ourlée de tanins de belle précision, s'étirant sur une arête acide de tout premier ordre. On est en présence d'un saint-julien intemporel.



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THE BORDEAUX REPORT

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

(98 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2 Merlot)

19

Pure, long and upright, and built of amazingly ingredients, this is a catwalk confident Cabernet, staring straight ahead and striding down the catwalk with intent. The fruit on the palate is astonishingly mouth-filling and sumptuous, and yet with only 12.5% alcohol on board, it is also lithe, shape-shifting, refreshing and chillingly bright. Insanely attractive, amazingly concentrated and brutally elegant, this is one of only a handful of wines that seems to have accepted every challenge thrown at it in 2021 and come back even stronger and more determined to impress. 19



By Neal Martin

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(94-96) pts

Ducru-Beaucaillou 2021 Ducru-Beaucaillou

Saint Julien Grand Cru Classé, Bordeaux

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2028 - 2050

The 2021 Ducru-Beaucaillou was picked at around 24hL/ha and matured in 100% new oak for 18 months, as is customary. It takes time to unfold in the glass, revealing intense blackberry, raspberry, iris flowers and a touch of spice. Very precise, though as expected, more understated than previous vintages. The palate is medium-bodied with a sappy, saline entry and good grip. Classic in style, fanning out toward the finish, and briny on the aftertaste. This is a fascinating, almost old-school Ducru-Beaucaillou.

Neal Martin. Tasting date: April 2022

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Olivier Poels

— Château Ducru-Beaucaillou —



Appellation :
Saint-Julien
Couleur :
Rouge

Il est d'ores et déjà difficile de résister au charme de ce Ducru 2021. La grande noblesse des cabernets, qui représentent 98 % de l'assemblage, fait briller ce vin élégant et ultra digeste (12,5°), à la bouche étirée, sapide et éclatante. Le fruit croque sous la dent.



William Kelley

2021 Ducru-Beaucaillou

Rating
(94 - 96)

Release Price
NA

Drink Date
NA

Reviewed by
 [William Kelley](#)

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A wine that will delight Médoc purists, the 2021 Ducru-Beaucaillou is a blend of fully 98% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Merlot and checks in at a mere 12.5% alcohol. Unwinding in the glass with aromas of dark berries, cigar wrapper, violets, loamy soil and spices, it's full-bodied, layered and velvety, with superb depth at the core, lively acids and powdery tannins. Complete and penetrating, it's a true classic, reminiscent of a modern-day version of Ducru's brilliant 1996—though today's precision winemaking means that the 2021 is unlikely to go through so long a hibernation as that vintage.



Yohan Castaing

Château Ducru-
Beaucaillou

2021

95-97+

Assemblages réalisés. Pourcentage de cabernet le plus élevé de l'histoire de Ducru-Beaucaillou. Très beau nez de fruits noirs, un boisé fondu et légèrement grillé, des notes de cassis et de myrtille avec une belle trame épicee. Aucune note de pyrazine et une trame fruitée très élégante. Bouche droite, tendue, sur l'allonge avec des tanins structurants et une puissance parfaitement contenue. Un vin plutôt massif pour le millésime, très cabernet forcément et qui aura besoin de temps pour s'ouvrir totalement. Très belle austérité médocaine avec, toutefois, un grain de tanin velouté et vertical.



CHÂTEAU DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU 2021

Dégusté le 05.05.2022 par Yves Beck

98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot

Assemblage improbable mais tellement convaincant avec 98% de Cabernet Sauvignon et 2% de Merlot. L'arrière-saison a été suffisamment longue pour porter les Cabernet Sauvignon à parfaite maturité. Le bouquet est éblouissant d'intensité et de fraîcheur et plussoie les aptitudes du Cabernet Sauvignon au travers de parfums de baies rouges et de menthe poivrée. Le vin est imposant tant par sa structure tannique, fine et puissante, que par son côté juteux et intensément goûteux. Le vin est sapide, savoureux, vif et persistant. Que d'énergie, de tension et d'équilibre dans ce vin qui crée une extraordinaire symbiose entre le côté saillant de la structure acide et la puissance tannique. Un digne représentant de Ducru qui supporte parfaitement la comparaison avec ses prédecesseurs, même si, en fait, il n'y pas vraiment lieu de les comparer... mis à part le fait qu'ils sont tous délicieux ! 2027-2056 **97-99/100**





CHÂTEAU DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU ST.-JULIEN 2021

Firm, structured and pure with a cool and solid core of dark currants, blackberries, tar, pencil lead and bitter chocolate. Hints of tobacco, too. Firm but silky tannins. Very pure, with a long, mineral finish. Intense and very focused. 98% cabernet sauvignon and 2% merlot.



By Adrian van Velsen

2021, Château
Ducru
Beaucaillou

France,
Bordeaux,
Saint-Julien

Grand succès : Ducru-Beaucaillou 2021 (c) vvWine.ch

96-98

100% bois neuf. 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot. Le nez dresse immédiatement les cheveux, super fin, un cabernet d'album, pur et pur, avec des notes florales, herbacées, une pointe d'estragon, minérales, profondes. Presque timide en bouche, puis un fruit explose, sensationnel comment le vin se construit, structure en tête, avec des tanins distinctifs et fins et une précision qui impressionne, s'impose, devient de plus en plus élancée en fond de bouche et plonge dans une mer fraîche, sombre et fruitée d'arômes. Excellent. 2030-2055+ (Dégusté en avril 2022. Château Ducru-Beaucaillou)

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CHÂTEAU DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU 2021

宝嘉龙城堡



Ducru Beaucaillou 2021 has diverted from its iconic rich and intensive style, and presented elegance and delicacy in all dimensions. I was amazed by this caressant 98% Cabernet Sauvignon with rich, dense texture yet bright acidity. It expresses the most pronounced violet fragrance in recent years; although the fruity aromas are not as “colorful” as previous vintages, their intensity and concentration are absolutely superb. Mr. Bruno Borie told me that the average yield in 2021 was only 25-27 hl/ha, and in order to harvest qualitative grapes, they have conducted a very rigorous selection. If you want to understand the Chinese philosophy of “She De” (Trade-off), Ducru Beaucaillou 2021 will give you the best answer.

BORDEAUX TOTAL

RENÉ GABRIEL'S ULTIMATIVE BORDEAUX-WEB-NAVIGATION

By André Kunz

2021 Ducru-Beaucaillou: (98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot, 12.5% vol. Alkohol) Dichtes, tiefgründiges, elegantes, frisches, seidenes, komplexes Bouquet, Cassis, kandierte Himbeeren, Black Currant, Zedern, Nougat, Schiefer. Dichtverwobener, eleganter, fein konzentrierter, vielschichtiger Gaumen mit viel feinem Tannin, fein muskulöser, zart cremiger Struktur, dichter, dunkler, frischer Frucht, vielfältiger, dichter Aromatik, sehr langer, konzentrierter Abgang mit vielen Rückaromen.
19/20 2030 - 2060



2021 Ducru-Beaucaillou

(96-98)

Drinking Window
2031 - 2061

From: 2021 Bordeaux En Primeur: Back to Classicism (May 2022)

The 2021 Ducru-Beaucaillou is a pretty significant departure from the past, as it is nearly pure Cabernet Sauvignon. A deep, aristocratic wine, the 2021 possesses remarkable intensity from start to finish. Inky dark fruit, bittersweet chocolate and leather are some of the myriad nuances that develop with some aeration. The 2021 is so well balanced. The 100% new oak, often quite dominant in Ducru en primeur, is so well integrated, likely because lower alcohol extracted less oak imprint. The 2021 is a drop dead gorgeous wine, and a Ducru for the ages. Superb.

- By Antonio Galloni on April 2022