





LA CROIX DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU

SAINT-JULIEN



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Chris KISSACK

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Jane ANSON - DECANTER

« ... this is a **serious wine** ... »

Jeb DUNNUCK

« ... **well structured** with **excellent balance, ripe tannins, fine acidity, very elegant fruit ... excellent length** with **very complex approach** ... »

Markus DEL MONEGO – MW

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James SUCKLING

« ... **de très beaux tanins satinés** ... Un La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou qui s'affirme et s'impose. »

Yohan CASTAING



LA CROIX DUCRU- BEAUCAILLOU ST. - JULIEN 2020

This is really serious. It's full-bodied, tight and linear with fantastic length. Racy, so fine and intense. Very fine tannins. One of the best Croix Ducru. 53% cabernet sauvignon, 44% merlot, and 3% petit verdot.

La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou (St Julien) 2020: This comes from vineyards just to the west of Ducru-Beaucaillou, “*plus a few barrels from around the château*” says Bruno Borie, this is comparable in terms of *terroir* to numerous other St Julien classed growths; despite that it is often perceived as having ‘second wine’ status, I would say erroneously. The blend this year is 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot. It has a quite wonderful nose, of black cherry, plum, liquorice, currant and salted olive, with a very ready expression, and fragrant notes of violets and lavender. The palate is no less eager to please than the nose, with a supple texture, rich and sinewy, which hides a deliciously ripe backbone of tannins. The structure here is huge, the softness and integration of the tannins deceptive, as they form a rich and tight wrapping around the core of dark fruit, chocolate, black olive and espresso coffee. Dark and flavoursome, and loaded with potential, this is a really great vintage for La Croix, certainly playing at the *grand cru classé* level. Like Le Petit Ducru, the alcohol here is 13.75%. From my *Bordeaux 2020 primeurs* assessment. 93-95/100 (April 2021) 🔍

Yves Beck

LA CROIX DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU 2020

Dégusté le 14.04.2021 par *Yves Beck*

53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot

Bouquet fruité, subtile, révélant des notes de bois de réglisse et de baies noires. Attaque crémeuse et rafraichissante. Le vin est dense, précis et frais. Belle symbiose entre des tannins aux grains fins et la vivacité. La structure acide assure parfaitement les arrières et confère de l'énergie à l'ensemble du vin. Un vin prometteur. 2024-2038 **92-94/100**



Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, La Croix Ducru Beaucaillou, St-Julien, Bordeaux, 2020

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Tasted by **Jane Anson** (at Primeur week tastings in Bordeaux, 01 May 2021)

So much purity and definition, this is a beautiful wine with clarity of flavour. Touches of grilled almond and rosemary, mocha, smoke and coffee bean, there is so much freshness, with juice rushing in between the muscles and a mint leaf finish. 3.78pH, 60% new oak. Yields were 25-30hl/ha. In a year where second wines in the Médoc have sometimes suffered from over-concentration, La Croix de Beaucaillou is a standout success.

Drinking Window 2026 - 2042

By Markus del Monego MW

La Croix de Beaucaillou 2020

Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Very elegant yet persistent character with aroma reminiscent of ripe blackcurrants and blackberries, discreet minty touch in the background, dark chocolate, fine toasting and discreet hints of vanilla and mild spices. On the palate well structured with excellent balance, ripe tannins, fine acidity, very elegant fruit, with hints of cocoa, excellent length with very complex approach and convincing length.

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- Markus Del Monego MW

By Bernard Burtschy

Ch. Ducru-Beaucaillou La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou Deuxième vin 2020 93-94

La robe est noire avec un nez intense de fruits noirs. Le vin est dense et serré, assez tannique, petite dureté, jolie matière en milieu de bouche, un peu boisé, finale épicée. Il faudra l'attendre deux ans au moins pour que les tannins s'assouplissent.

Caractéristiques techniques. Cépages : 53 cabernet-sauvignon, 44 merlot, 3 petit-verdot. Il titre 13,75° avec un pH de 3,78 et un IPT de 91. Il est élevé avec 60 % de fût neuf.

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

By Jeff Leve

2020

La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou (St. Julien)

93

Tobacco, cedar, mint leaf, cigar box and black currants come together on the nose. The wine is refined, soft and supple with silky tannins, ripe, sweet, fruits, lift and freshness. The elegant finish with its black cherry, mocha and spice nuances tastes as good as it feels. Hold this for 3-5 years before opening a bottle and it will really start showing its essence. The wine is a blend of 53% [Cabernet Sauvignon](#), 44% [Merlot](#) and 3% Petit [Verdot](#). 92-94

Tasted May 20, 2021

2020 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou

RATING

92-95

TASTING DATE

5/23/2021

MATURITY

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REVIEWED BY

Jeb Dunnuck

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REVIEW

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The second wine of the estate is the 2020 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou, composed of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, and the rest Petit Verdot brought up in 60% new French oak. It's a much more concentrated, structured wine offering classic cassis and blackberry fruits intermixed with notes of scorched earth, tobacco, graphite, and chocolate. Playing in the medium to full-bodied end of the spectrum, it has a great mid-palate as well as the vintage's rich, deep, powerful style. It's going to have some up-front appeal given its balance as well as the quality of the tannins, but this is a serious wine for reserving 2-4 years in the cellar, and it should easily have 15-20 years of prime drinking.



By Lisa Perrotti-Brown

2020 Ducru-Beaucaillou • La Croix de Beaucaillou

Rating

(89 - 91)

Release Price

NA

Drink Date

2024 - 3037

Reviewed by

 [Lisa Perrotti-Brown](#)

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The 2020 La Croix de Beaucaillou is composed of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot. It has 13.75% alcohol and a pH of 3.78 with an IPT of 91. It is set to age for 12 months in French oak barrels, 60% new. Deep garnet-purple in color, it leaps from the glass with vibrant scents of crushed redcurrants, black raspberries and fresh black berries, plus hints of bay leaves, lavender and damp soil. The medium-bodied palate is full of energetic red and black berry layers with a grainy texture and just enough freshness, finishing with an herbal lift.

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BORDEAUX
EN PRIMEUR 2021

By Peter Moser

La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou 2020

92-94

Deep ruby, opaque core, purple reflections, faint brightening on rim. Delicate noble wood nuances, black wild berries, cassis, ripe plum, candied orange zest. Juicy, elegant, fresh red cherry, lively acidity, fine nougat, silky tannins, shows good length, pleasant minerality, good ageing potential.



By Yohan Castaing

Château Ducru- Beaucaillou	La Croix Ducru- Beauca...	Saint- Julien	2020
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93-94

Très complexe et légèrement épicé, bonbon anglais, cassis, myrtille avec de très belles notes florales. Pointe de graphite à l'aération. Texture charnue, juteuse, de la profondeur, de très beaux tanins satinés avec de l'allonge et une belle fraîcheur. Un La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou qui s'affirme et s'impose. Ciselé et équilibré. Beaucoup moins austère que d'habitude.