

# CHATEAU BEAU SEJOUR BECOT

## SAINT EMILION 2016



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The property is classified Saint-Émilion Premier Grand Cru Classé B, the second highest level in Saint-Émilion. The estate used to enjoy the same classification in former times, but in 1985 they were demoted to regular Grand Cru Classé after the owner had incorporated vineyards from two other, non-classified properties in the production of Beau-Séjour Bécot. In 1996 they made a comeback at the level of Premier Grand Cru Classé B, so the vineyards added turned out to be up to standard (which the owner had claimed all along), and they have stayed at this level since.

His two sons, Gérard and Dominique, have followed in their father's footsteps while introducing numerous technical innovations to both the cellars and the vineyard. Only the ripest, healthiest grapes are now harvested, and then sorted one by one. Gérard's daughter, Juliette, started working at the château in 2001 in order to market wines from the family estate.

**2016:** 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon  
*Extremely aromatic and lifted on the nose with wild fruit and flowers, as well as chalk and mushroom undertones. Full body and ultra-fine tannins with beautiful grace and balance. Shows structure yet refinement at the same time. Needs four to five years to come completely together, but already so beautiful. Drink after 2023.* 95 James Suckling



95 Wine Enthusiast

95 Robert Parker's Wine Advocate



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*"The 2015 Beau-Sejour Bécot is composed of 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 85% new and 15% one-year-old French oak for 17 months. Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, the nose opens with blackberries, black cherries and crushed black plums with touches of spice box, lavender and cedar. Medium to full-bodied, it's rich, velvety and decadent in the mouth with a firm backbone and long, spicy finish. Yum "*

**95pts Lisa Perrotti Brown, The Wine Advocate, Feb 2018**



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