

CHATEAU DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU

ST. JULIEN



Château Ducru-Beaucaillou is a St-Julien property that today is one of the leading Super Seconds. It is owned by the Borie family and is situated in the south-east of the St-Julien appellation. Ducru-Beaucaillou's 50 hectares of vineyards (Cabernet Sauvignon 65%, Merlot 25%, Cabernet Franc 5% and Petit Verdot 5%) lie on deep, large-stone gravel beds enriched with alluvial soil deposits and with a high clay content.

For many, Ducru-Beaucaillou is the quintessential St-Julien - deep-colored, powerful, ripe, exquisitely well-balanced and perfectly harmonious. It requires a minimum of 10 years of bottle ageing before it should be approached and the best vintages will continue improving for many more years. Ducru-Beaucaillou is classified as a 2ème Cru Classé.

While many Bordeaux wine properties take their name from previous owners, this Saint Julien estate found part of their name from their unique terroir. Ducru Beaucaillou has a special soils that are literally covered with large stones. In fact, the word Beaucaillou is translated into beautiful stones.

Ducru Beaucaillou's winemaking history dates back to the start of the 13th century, and since 1941 has been led by four generations of the Borie family.

The average age of the vines is 35 years. Their oldest plot is the Les Sadons parcel, planted in 1918. Vines are planted to a density of 10,000 vines per hectare.

The parcels of vines adjacent to the chateau, with its easy access to the Gironde and deep gravel slopes, is some of the best terroir in all of Bordeaux.

Grapes macerate for close to 7 days. Vinification takes place in stainless steel vats of various sizes. Malolactic fermentation takes place in concrete vats. The wine is aged in 75% to 90% new, French oak barrels for between 18 and 20 months. Close to 10,000 cases of wine are produced annually.

2016 Vintage: “ Reminding me of the 2010 with its incredible stature and class (as opposed to the more opulently styled 2009), the 2016 Château Ducru-Beaucaillou is a legendary wine from the genius of Bruno Borie, who has managed this estate brilliantly since he arrived in 2003. A blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot brought up all in new oak, the 2016 has a mammoth bouquet of crème de cassis, espresso, camphor, crushed violets, toasty oak, and graphite. Full-bodied, concentrated, and backward on the palate, it nevertheless has perfectly integrated acidity and building tannins, a concentrated, layered texture, off-the-charts purity of fruit, and a finish that won't quit. Give this powerful, concentrated wine a solid 7-8 years of bottle age and enjoy it over the following 50 years or more. “

100 Points Jeb Dunnuck

**99 Points James Suckling, 98 Points Wine Advocate, 98 Points Vinous,
98 Points Wine Enthusiast, 97 Points Decanter, 97 Points Wine Spectator**



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