

MILLESIME 2015

CHÂTEAU BEAUSÉJOUR

HÉRITIERS DUFFAU-LAGARROSSE

PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSÉ
SAINT-ÉMILION

jamesuckling.com
February 2018

100/100

This is extraordinary. There has never been a wine like this here since the famous 1990 or underrated 1989. Violets, flowers, stones and limestone. Oyster-shell undertones. Full-bodied, muscular and so structured. A phenomenal wine that reminds me of the great Bordeaux of the 1950s. Try in 2026.

- James Suckling

Wine Spectator
February 2018

96/100

This has some sizzle, with roasted mesquite and ebullient red licorice notes out front, as well as steak to match, featuring a core sporting ample crushed cherry, red currant and plum fruit flavors. Light tea and chalk threads skitter through the finish, where the fruit echoes nicely. This has grown a bit since the barrel tasting. Best from 2023 through 2040. 1,500 cases made.

- James Molesworth

Decanter
February 2018

96/100

Rich, tight, powerful and silky - an extremely accomplished wine in a great vintage. It's big but in control, with sweeping notes of liquorice and dark chocolate. It needs time to soften, but holds all the cards.

- Jane Anson

Gault & Millau
March 2018

19/20

Nez subtil, magnifique avec des notes de fruits noirs, d'épices. Bouche fine, délicate, élégante avec des tanins précis et veloutés et une tension qui tend l'ensemble pour lui donner une dimension aérienne absolument magnifique.

- Eric Riewer



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Vinous

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98/100

One of the undisputed stars of the vintage, the 2015 Beauséjour Héritiers Duffau-Lagarrosse is dark, brooding and explosive to its core. The essence of super-ripe dark cherry, plum, graphite, crushed rocks, gravel, smoke and incense infuses a dramatic, sweeping Saint-Émilion endowed with superb power and intensity. Sumptuous, spectacularly rich and also massively structured, the 2015 is going to need at least a decade to come into its own. Those lucky enough to find it are in for a treat, as the 2015 is a total stunner. Nicolas Thienpont and his team hit a number of home runs in 2015, including at Beauséjour Héritiers Duffau-Lagarrosse, where both wines are simply great. Tasted two times with consistent notes.

- Antonio Galloni

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98-99/100

I don't know what to say here other than it's better than any BDL I drank since 1989 including the 1990. There's a transparency and beauty like a rainbow. Full body, extremely long and bright. Super fine tannins. Pure fruit.

- James Suckling

Wine Spectator

92-95/100

Offers lovely richness, with a very caressing feel to the layers of warm plum compote and boysenberry confiture. Underneath all the fruit is a very fine-edged chalky thread, yet the feeling overall is velvety and lush. A beauty.

- James Molesworth



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95-98/100

A dark, brooding wine, the 2015 Beauséjour Héritiers Duffau-Lagarrosse may need twenty years to start drinking well. Today, the 2015 is imposing, with massive concentration and fabulous persistence, all supported by a vertical spine of tannin that is impossible to miss. Hints of graphite, smoke and licorice struggle to emerge from a huge wall of fruit and tannin. This is another wine that will require considerable patience. The 2015 is 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, brought in between September 25 and October 12 and aged in 60% new oak. Tasted two times.

- Antonio Galloni

Gault & Millau

18-19/20 & 94-97/100

Un nez splendide aux fruits noirs dont la myrtille, d'une ampleur séductrice mais fraîche. En bouche, un jus magnifique présentant une alliance fascinante entre le somptueux et la rectitude. Dégustation avril 2016.

- Eric Riewer

Le Figaro

18,5/20

Joli nez, raffiné. Le vin est élégant, raffiné, beaucoup de classe, les tannins sont très fins, toute petite amertume passagère, finale racée. Le cœur du vin possède une trame intense qui se développera somptueusement. 3-15 ans.

- Bernard Burtschy

quarin.com

17,5/20 & 95/100

Belle couleur sombre. Nez fruité, à la jolie note de prune. Bouche de suite juteuse, au toucher moelleux et noble. Le vin fond au palais, gracieux, sur une longue finale aux tannins fins. Beaucoup de noblesse dans cette douceur. Assemblage : 90 % merlot, 10 % cabernet franc. Degré d'alcool : 14,5°.

- Jean-Marc Quarin



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Anthocyanes

19/20

Nez de fruits bien mûrs, presque confiturés, tout en gardant une certaine fraîcheur. Attaque joufflue, de la suavité, de la matière, de la densité le tout enrobé dans un jus magnifique. Structure suave, tanins structurants et finale fruitée et longue. Ira très loin dans le temps.

- Yohan Castaing

The Wine Cellar Insider

94-96/100

This wine is sensuous, silky and lush with richness, freshness, sweetness, minerality and length in the finish. Produced from a blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, the wine reached 14.4% with a pH 3.4. The harvest took place from September 25 to October 25. Beausejour Duffau can be difficult to get a handle at this stage. It's quite possible this will improve during the aging process. I look forward to seeing this wine again in bottle.

- Jeff Leve

thewinedoctor.com

17-18/20

I tasted this at Château Pavie-Macquin with Nicolas Thienpont and David Suire, who have been running the show at Beauséjour since 2009. The blend is 90% Merlot with 10% Cabernet Franc. The Merlot was picked on September 25th, after the rains, and on October 1st, 2nd and 5th, before the October rain arrived. The Cabernet Franc was picked October 5th and 12th. The yield was 34 hl/ha, with 79% of the crop directed into the grand vin. A very dark and perfumed wine, fresh, with plush black cherry fruit, rich but very pure and defined. The palate shows a similarly pure but intense and polished substance, with a little honeyed beeswax from the oak, intertwined with the plush black cherry fruit matching the nose, and a desiccated blackcurrant sweetness. I also get a little of the curranty, gritty concentration of the vintage I have found in many of the wines here. Pure, but also showing beautiful texture, with a notable vanilla flower and white peach freshness. The tannins feel very elegant, ripe but integrated, the structure not overdone, the wine carrying a real grip and energy to it, but it only really shows at the finish despite the charming



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fruit character. Surely the best Beauséjour I have tasted in recent years.

- Chris Kissack

jancisrobinson.com

17/20

Very dark crimson. Brooding and vibrant on the nose. Sweet and fully ripe - almost Pomerollike in its intensity. Big and bold. Even a bit brutal. Drink 2025-2038.

- Jancis Robinson

bxtotal.com

17/20

90 % Merlot, 10 % Cabernet Franc. Extrem dunkles Purpur mit lila und violetten Reflexen. Intensives, zu Beginn leicht alkoholisch wirkendes Bouquet, dropsige Noten, Waldbeeren, ein Hauch von Überreife und Malzkonturen. Im Gaumen erinnert der Grundgeschmack etwas an einen Prioratwein, aussen überreif, innen noch kernig. Für mich ist er zu streng zu wenig Burgundisch ausgefallen. 2024 – 2042.

- René Gabriel

Bettane & Desseauve

En Magnum

17/20 & 94/100

Gras, ample, très fruit noir, de la sève qui demande à être domptée.



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Wine Advocate

91-93/100

It has a very intense, quite opulent bouquet, just like the 2015 Pavie-Macquin from barrel, with fig-tinged red cherry fruit, hints of kirsch and glycerin. The palate likewise shows more refinement and class, the tannins fine and the acidity well judged. It has a fresh finish, though it just needs to muster a touch more tension and sense of energy right on the finish. Let's see what happens during its élevage, because it has the materials to turn into a very fine Saint Emilion.

- Neal Martin

Decanter

93/100

90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc. Rich and ripe with dark fruit notes. A hint of jamminess on the nose. Palate smooth and suave with a power of tannin behind. Sweet and ripe but has tension. Firm, dry finish.

- James Lawther MW

Le Point

16/20 - Jacques Dupont

Terre de vins

18/20

Une invitation au voyage avec son nez de fleurs exotiques, sa pureté, sa fraîcheur immédiate. Un jus soyeux, précis et vibrant, marqué par le terroir argilo-calcaire, une finale salivante, sur la jutosité. Très élégant.

Vinifera

95-97/100

Robe sombre. Le nez évoque une corbeille de fruits mûrs. Superbe bouche : le vin est ample, volumineux, il se développe d'une façon continue, sans heurt, crescendo, vers une finale dense et complexe qui associe les fruits noirs, la myrtille, le cacao avec une touche évoquant l'encens.

- Jacques Perrin



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Vinum

17,5/20

We like the tartness of the tannins, the complexity of the aromas in the finish, the freshness, the sophistication and depth: one of the great vintages from this estate.

- Barbara Schroeder

Wine, Words &
Videotape

96-98+/100

Deep and glossy; opaque at centre; lovely briary fruit; pure and really joyful; caressing but with intensity; lovely purity; great length; unadorned with oak or other distractions. This is exceptional young Bordeaux. Very exciting wine. Tasted Pavie Macquin 3/4/16. Drink 2023-2035.

- Jeremy Williams

Journal d'un passionné
de la Rive droite

95-97/100

Le nez bien ouvert évoque, les cerises noires, les mûres, la boîte à épices avec des notes de violettes. La bouche est soyeuse, les tannins fins et mûrs sont enrobés d'une chair bien formée, le milieu de bouche est dense, profond et très fruité. La longue finale, d'un délicat velouté de texture est précise, très persistante, et salivante (note saline).

- Daniel Seriot

Wine Enthusiast

93-95/100 - Roger Voss

Aux Fins Gourmets

96-98/100 - Matthias Hilse



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« coups de cœur »

Nez très complexe où les arômes de fruits rouge et noirs se mêlent à des notes de graphite, dans un ensemble d'une belle minéralité. En bouche le fruit est généreux, la matière énorme, puissante, la trame élégante, les tannins présents mais ne dominent pas l'ensemble. Remarquable intensité, et belle fraîcheur en finale. Un vin impressionnant, avec beaucoup de longueur.

Extraprima

95-97/100

Nicolas Thienpont bewies im Jahr 2015 ein besonderes Fingespitzengefühl! Der Beauséjour Duffau wurde recht spät zwischen dem 25. September und dem 12. Oktober gelesen. 90% Merlot und 10% Cabernet Franc kamen bei knapp unter 14,5% Alkohol mit 60% neuen Fässern in Berührung. Viskose, leuchtende Farbe. Weit gefasste, dichte, leicht reduktive Nase mit großer Extraktion, etwas massiver als Pavie-Macquin. Dicht, schmelzig und satt am Gaumen, Schokolade, cremige Fülle, rassig und tiefgründig, viel fleischer als Pavie-Macquin. Satter Zug immer frisch und präzise, dicht, fett und extrem nachhaltig. Großer Beauséjour Duffau, der es lohnt eingekellert zu werden, wie Larcis-Ducasse und Pavie-Macquin auch.

- Thomas Boxberger



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