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"le vin convainc par son **harmonie et sa persistance**. Une bien belle performance!"

Yves Beck - BECKUSTATOR **93-94**

"This is **intense and impressive.**"

Jane Anson - INSIDE BORDEAUX **93**

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LA CROIX DUCRU- BEUCAILLOU ST. - JULIEN 2022

A chewy and polished red with blackberry and blueberry character. Full to medium body. Fine and tensioned. Excellent finish. Salty. Blackcurrants at the end. 66% merlot, 32% cabernet sauvignon, and 2% petit verdot.



Adrian van Velsen

2022, La Croix Ducru Beaucaillou	93-95	France, Bordeaux, Saint-Julien
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80% bois neuf. 67% Merlot, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot. Robe très sombre et un nez magnifique, toujours caractérisé par le bois, mais ceci en harmonie avec les fruits noirs, cerises et cassis dominant, le vin montre au nez un caractère Cabernet malgré beaucoup de Merlot. Juteux en bouche, extrêmement frais, une bouche de vin, le fruit est assez croquant à croquer, des tanins très fins enserrant le noyau de fruit, avec une finale fumée, fruitée noire et presque poivrée en finale. Il y a suffisamment de matériau impliqué pour faire face à la forte proportion de bois neuf. Excellente qualité. (Dégusté "En Primeur" en avril 2023 / UGCB / Château Ducru-Beaucaillou)
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JEB DUNNUCK

2022 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou

RATING

93-95

TASTING DATE

5/10/2023

MATURITY

unavailable

REVIEWED BY

Jeb Dunnuck

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[Bordeaux 2022 En
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REVIEW

The second wine of this great château, the 2022 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou is based on two-thirds Merlot with the balance mostly Cabernet Sauvignon, raised in 80% new French oak. Hitting 14% natural alcohol, its vivid purple hue is followed by stunning aromatics of cassis, blueberries, tobacco, graphite, and chalky minerality. Full-bodied on the palate, it brings plenty of concentration and structure yet is balanced and has a great mid-palate and outstanding length. If there was a ranking for the top second wines in Bordeaux, this would be in the top handful of releases.

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• Antonio Galloni
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Neal Martin

Ducru-Beaucaillou 2022 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou **(93-95)** pts

Saint Julien Grand Cru Classé, Left Bank, Bordeaux

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2030 - 2058

The 2022 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou contains a lot more Merlot this year as they were compensating for the lack of Cabernet Sauvignon, this *Deuxième Vin* raised in 80% new oak. It has a delineated bouquet with a mixture of red and black fruit. The briary and smoky aromas feel more understated compared to its peers. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins and seamlessly integrated oak that lends a silky texture. Very harmonious with an insistent grip (the IPT is 93), it lacquers the mouth long after it has departed. That Pauillac tincture is displayed and defines its precise finish. Excellent, but be warned that the oak will require several years to assimilate fully. Not so far behind the *Grand Vin* because of the growing season.

Neal Martin. Tasting date: April 2023

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

Jeff Leve

2022 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou (St. Julien)

Quite floral in nature, you also find mint, cassis, and tobacco leaf. The palate is where the wine shines with its sweet, ripe, plums, black cherries, cocoa, soft tannins and polished, sense of refinement in the mid palate and in the finish. The wine is a blend of 66% Merlot, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot. 14% ABV. Drink from 2025-2040. 93-95 Pts.

Tasted May 8, 2023

94



Markus del Monego MW

La Croix de Beaucaillou 2022

Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Intense nose with aroma reminiscent of dried ink, graphite and discreet spiciness, wild blueberries, hints of toasted gingerbread. On the palate well structured with elegance and freshness, ripe tannins, juicy fruit quoting the nose, elegant spiciness and almost salty minerality. Very convincing length. A great and classy wine.

94p

- Markus Del Monego MW/BWW2022-Best Germany Wine Critic of the World

Decanter

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, Le Croix Ducru, St-Julien, 2022

94

Tasted by: [Georgina Hindle](#)

(at UGCB tasting, Bordeaux Intercontinental Hotel, 21 Apr 2023)

Drinking Window: 2027 - 2045

Bramble tones; fragrant and rich blackberry notes on the nose. A dark soul with depth and intensity, this has such richness and power, but restraint also.

Concentrated with a directness and focus that drives it from start to finish aided by a linear vein of salinity, liquorice and blackcurrant. Tannins are robust and grippy, giving an impressive structure that is imposing in the mouth but retains a suave and endearing quality. Such charm and potential.

Yves Beck

LA CROIX DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU 2022

Dégusté le 16.04.2023 par Yves Beck

66% Merlot, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot

Complexe, le bouquet de La Croix de Ducru-Beaucaillou révèle des parfums de mûres, de myrtilles et de réglisse complétés par des nuances d'épices douces. Doté de tannins précis et porteurs, le vin convainc par son harmonie et sa persistance. Une bien belle performance ! 2027-2040 **93-94/100**



ALEXANDRE MA[®]

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou

La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou

Red - 2022



In the hot and dry vintage of 2022, La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou tells me how to maintain purity amidst richness. The color is dark like black ink, though there is a noticeable toasty note at this stage, I could still feel the fragrance of plum and mulberry. Surprisingly, this full-bodied wine is incredibly smooth, like savouring a piece of dense plum jelly. The tannins gradually emerge on the finish, accompanied by warm alcohol, creating a peaceful experience on the palate.

• Antonio Galloni
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Ducru-Beaucaillou 2022 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou

(92-94) pts

Saint Julien Grand Cru Classé, Left Bank, Bordeaux

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2025 - 2042

The 2022 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou is super-expressive. The aromatics and tannin show strong Cabernet Sauvignon-inflexions, but the blend actually favors Merlot in this vintage, as yields in the Cabernet were on the low side. This serious, potent Saint-Julien is going to need a bit of time to fully come together, but it is certainly impressive.

Antonio Galloni. Tasting date: April 2023

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Colin Hay

La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou 2022 (St Julien; 66% Merlot; 32% Cabernet Sauvignon; 2% Petit Verdot; pH 3.75; 14% alcohol; Eric Boissenot is the consultant). Very expressive aromatically and very expressive too of that punchy Ducru style. Toasty. Glossy. Intense. Dark. A little graphite.. Crushed and concentrated bramble and black berry fruit, a little black cherry hinting at the opulence and ripeness. Energetic. Blowsy, with soft velvety tannins. This is big-boned, dense and compact. A chunky, almost chubby wine, plump and plush, with considerable gravitas. It growls on the palate. Substantial and with tannins still to resolve. Quite a *vin de garde*. Very true to its style. 92-94.

JANE ANSON

INSIDE BORDEAUX

TASTED BY JANE ANSON - 17 APRIL 2023

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou St Julien La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou 2022

Sculpted, with muscular tannins, keeps things strictly controlled on the opening beats, then opens to show creamy damson and blackberry fruits, grilled vanilla bean, peony, iris, bitter chocolate, lifted aromatics of peony and crushed rose petals, and clear salinity on the finish. This is intense and impressive, aged in 80% new oak. Harvest September 7 to October 4, almost an entire month of harvesting, unusual for the vintage. Tasted twice

SCORE 93

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Croix de Beaucaillou

Rouge

92-93

Puissant et harmonieux, saint-julien dans le corps et dans l'esprit, il faudra peut-être un peu plus de temps pour retrouver la finesse aromatique si merveilleuse du même vin dans le millésime 2020.



Chris Kissack

La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou (St Julien) 2022: The blend here is 66% Merlot, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Petit Verdot, the Merlot dominance reflecting the low Cabernet yields, with some declassified Merlot bumping up the figure. The aromatics are dominated by the scents of blackcurrant, vanilla cream and crushed strawberry. The palate is elegantly composed, even with so much Merlot in the blend, with sweet black fruits, laced with vanilla, chalk dust and freesia, set in a sinewy and lithe texture, with a wonderful concentration of dark fruit. Underneath there is a huge grain of structure and grip, which wraps up the end of the palate with a ripe tannic intent. This is a delicious style of La Croix, more lithe than usual, rather fluid and supple, but with all that firm grip. This should develop well. The alcohol is 14.06%. 91-93/100 🍷

Tim Atkin^{MW}

Rod Smith MW

Ducru-Beaucaillou - La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou

92

66 M 32 CS 2 PV 14%

A much higher percentage of Merlot in this vintage (all the cuves are tasted completely blind without knowledge of variety) has given this wine the definitive Floral violet and rose touch to the aroma. Much more oak to scent than on the Petit Ducru. Spices, cinnamon, clove and a hint of liquorice. Lovely palate texture with great depth of rich tannins balancing freshness and wonderful fruit weight. Very long concentrated finish. Really good this year.



William Kelley

2022 Ducru-Beaucaillou • La Croix de Beaucaillou

Rating

(90 - 92)

Reviewed by

 [William Kelley](#)

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Release Price

NA

Drink Date

NA

The 2022 La Croix de Beaucaillou opens in the glass with aromas of dark berries, cigar wrapper and fresh mint, framed by creamy new oak. Medium to full-bodied, rich and fleshy, with a deep core of fruit framed by chunky tannins, it's a blend of 66% Merlot, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Petit Verdot.



Lisa Perrotti-Brown

2022 Ducru-Beaucaillou

La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou

90 - 92

The 2022 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou is a blend of 66% Merlot, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2% Petit Verdot. Deep garnet-purple in color, it needs a swirl or two to reveal very pure, evocative notes of baked plums, boysenberries, and pencil shavings, leading to suggestions of sauteed herbs and forest floor. The medium-bodied palate is intensely fruity and tightly wound with loads of savory layers and a firm backbone of grainy tannins, leading to a long, mineral-laced finish. This is impressive! pH 3.75, TPI 93.

matthewjukes

La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou (Ducru-Beaucaillou)

18+

La Croix is a quantum leap up from Le Petit Ducru because there is seriously impressive oak tied to a silky palate. It is bursting with clean, supple, berry fruit notes, and a delightful saline tang brings a savoury edge to the plush fruit. There is no bitterness here, and it is not as massive or muscular as expected. Supple, elegant and beautifully perfumed, this is an enchanting wine made with couture ingredients, and the whole package makes it the finest La Croix to date.

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Tjark Witzgall

2022 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou: 66 % Merlot, 32 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 2 % Petit Verdot. Delicate bouquet, freshly picked blueberry, delicate violet perfume, light tobacco and graphite. On the straight, well-structured palate with silky texture, tightly woven tannin framework and well-trained body. The concentrated finish is a basket of blue berries, dark minerality and mealy astringency. Everything is in the right place here!

18/20 2028 – 2043

James Robinson.com

James Lawther

Ch Ducru-Beaucaillou, La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou 2022 St-Julien 16 ++

66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot. Cask sample.

Restrained aromatically with just a touch of vanilla oak. Bright, fresh and smooth on the palate with a saline note on the finish. Bit of chew at the end.

Potential but needs to settle. Quite a lot of new oak (80%) that needs to be absorbed. (JL) 14%

Drink 2030 – 2040

Le Point

Jacques Dupont

La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou 2022 : 16

Feuillage frais, cerise, bouche vive, réglissée, tendue, épicée ; vif, relance en fin de bouche ; serré, plein, sérieux.