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LA CROIX  
DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU  
2015  
P R I M E U R S

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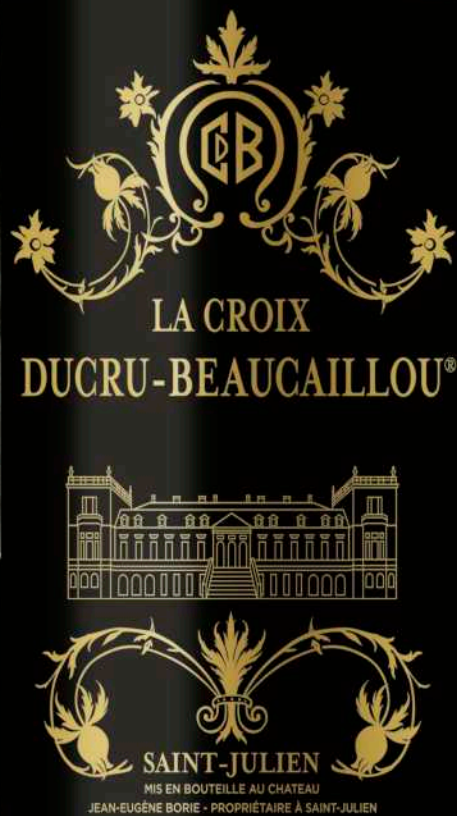
\* Olivier Poels, *La Revue du Vin de France*, Avril 2016

\*\* René Gabriel, *Weinwisser*, April 2016

\*\*\* Neal Martin, *The Wine Advocate*, April 2016

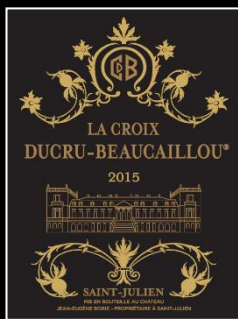
BEUCAILLOU EXPERTISE

SAINT-JULIEN EXCEPTION



GRANDE RÉSERVE  
LA CROIX DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU





La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou 2015  
Reviews

Olivier Poels, La Revue du Vin de France

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Chris Kissack, The Wine Doctor

**« The palate is delicious. A very smart wine. »**

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**« A very polished wine.**

**Excitingly expressive and will develop very well. »**

René Gabriel, Weinwisser

**« Im Gaumen wunderbar. Der beste Croix Beaucaillou den ich je verkostet habe! »**

Jancis Robinson, Jancisrobinson.com

**« Racy and polished. »**

Markus Del Monego, Tastingbook.com

**« Rich and perfumed nose. »**

Bernard Burtschy, Le Figaro vin

**« ... de la rondeur, des tannins fins... »**

Antonio Galloni, Vinous

**« ... lovely depth... »**

Neal Martin, The Wine Advocate

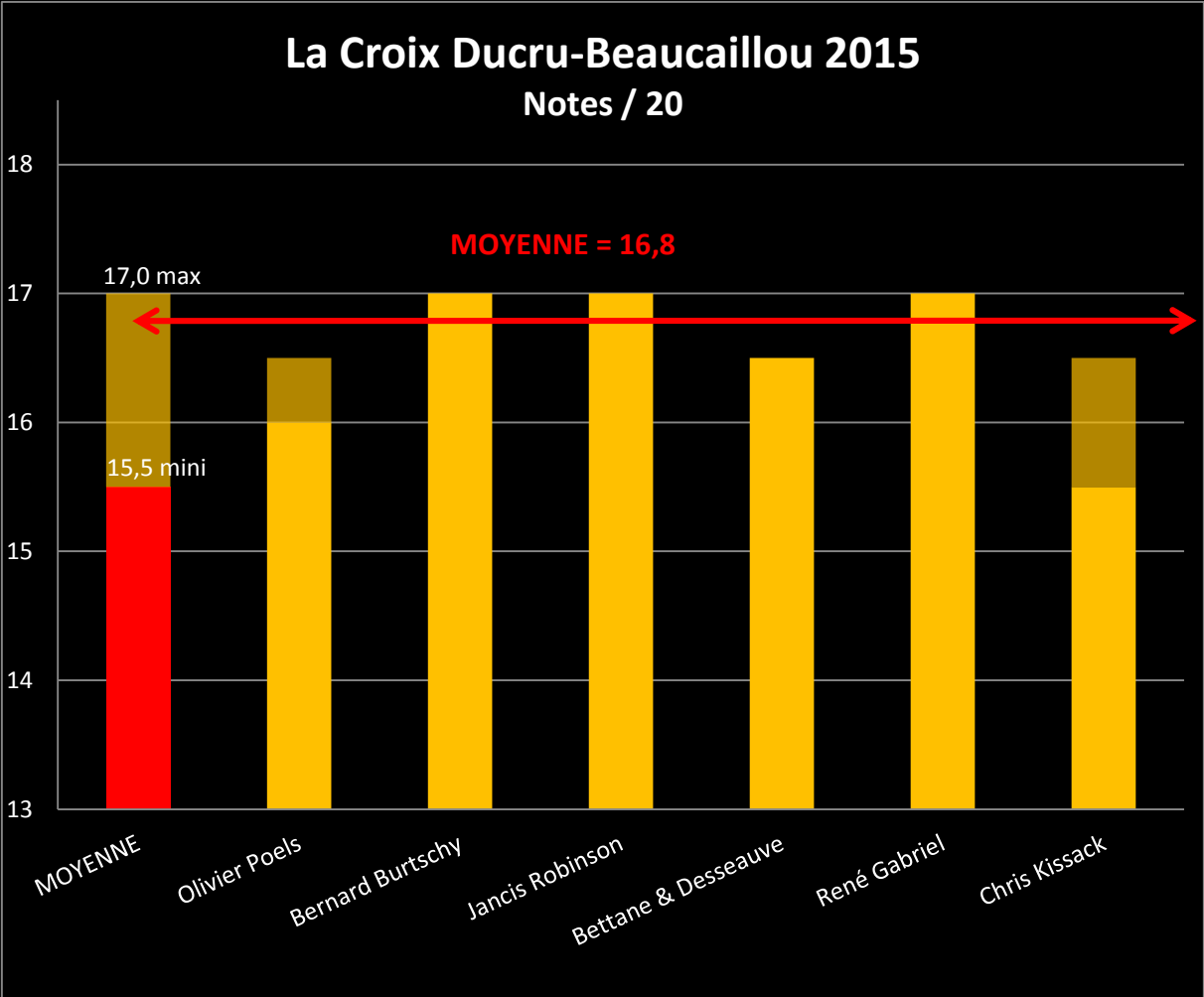
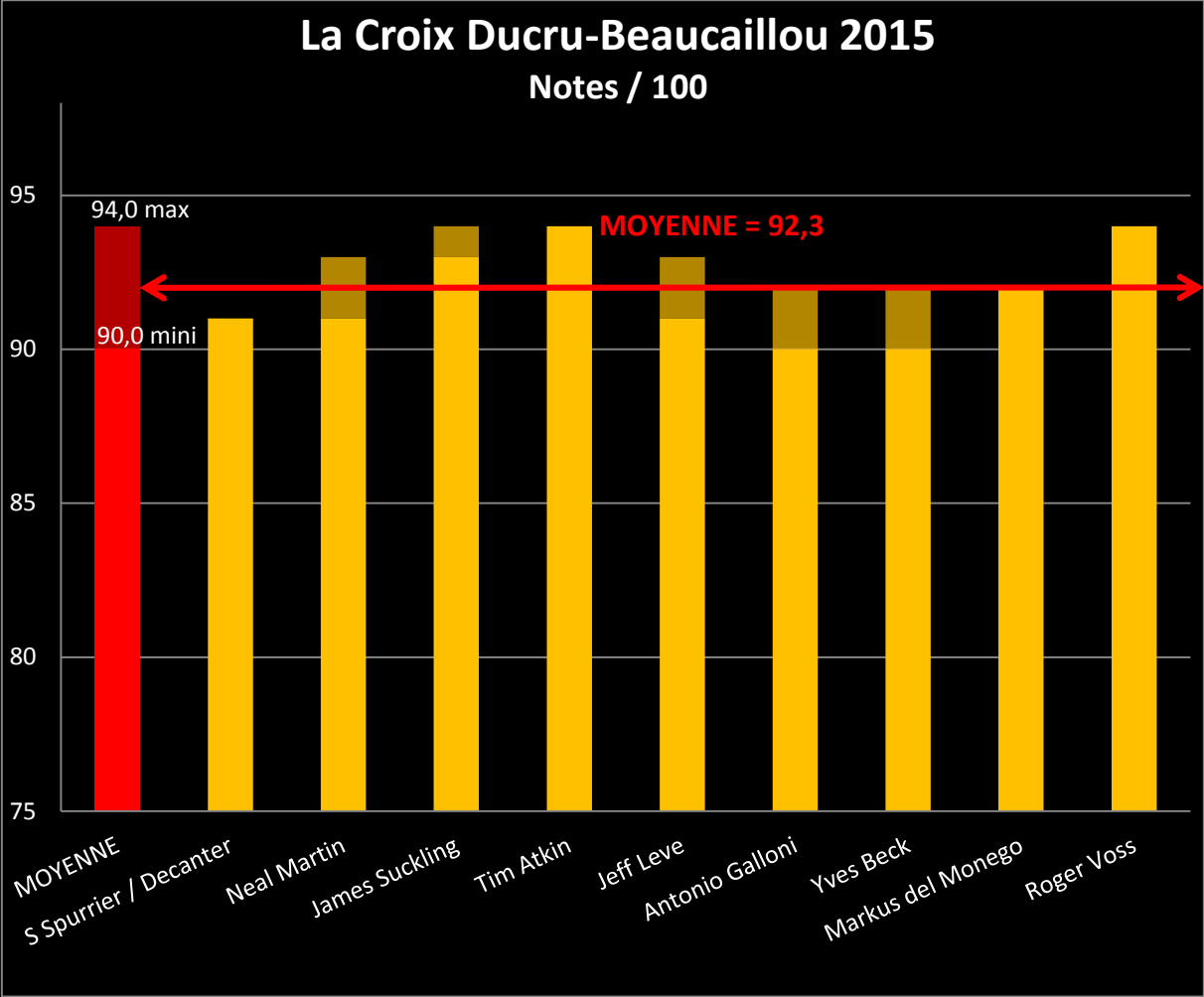
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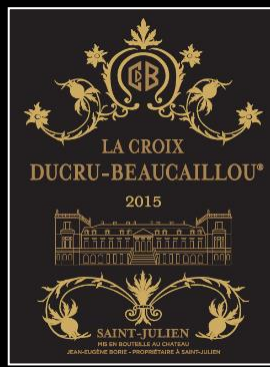
Bettane et Desseauve, En Magnum

**« ... pureté de fruit ... tendresse immédiate de texture. »**

Yves Beck, Beckustator

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## La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou 2015 Ratings

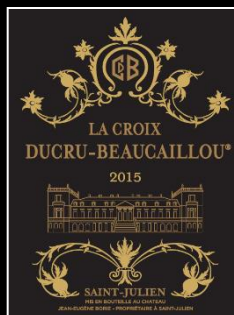
**90 ≤ LCDB 2015 ≤ 94**  
**15,5 ≤ LCDB 2015 ≤ 17**

**AVERAGE = 92,3**

Critics	Publication	Rating
Tim Atkin	<i>Timatkin.com</i>	<b>94</b>
Yves Beck	<i>Beckustator.com</i>	<b>90-92</b>
René Gabriel	<i>Weinwisser</i>	<b>17</b>
Steven Spurrier	<i>Decanter</i>	<b>91</b>
Bettane et Desseauve	<i>MyBettane+Desseauve</i>	<b>16,5</b>
Olivier Poels	<i>RVF</i>	<b>16-16,5</b>
Markus Del Monego	<i>Tastingbook</i>	<b>92</b>
Jancis Robinson	<i>Jancisrobinson.com</i>	<b>17</b>
Roger Voss	<i>Wine Enthusiast</i>	<b>94</b>
Jeff Leve	<i>The Wine Cellar Insider</i>	<b>91-93</b>
Neal Martin	<i>The Wine Advocate</i>	<b>91-93</b>
Antonio Galloni	<i>Vinous</i>	<b>90-92</b>
Bernard Burtschy	<i>Figaro Vin</i>	<b>17</b>
James Suckling	<i>Jamessuckling.com</i>	<b>93-94</b>
Chris Kissack	<i>WineDoctor.com</i>	<b>15,5-16,5</b>

**“Médocains  
deeply  
rooted in  
our « beaux  
cailloux »,  
craftsmen of  
excellence  
since 1720  
gathered round the  
Borie family for  
three generations  
open to the world and  
to innovation  
staunch epicures,  
we devote our know-how  
and our passion  
to make our dreams  
come true... to better  
share them  
with you.”**

The team of Ducru-Beaucaillou



## La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou 2015

### **The Story:**

This Grande Réserve is produced on the portion of Ducru-Beaucaillou situated in the heart of the Saint Julien Appellation, on the Günz Terroir situated on the south flank of the “Mouline” stream. Our labors in the vineyards, as well as those in the vat-house and cellars, reflect our unequivocal ambition to produce the very finest Reserve.

### **Tasting Note (March 28, 2016)**

**Color:** violet Carmine

**Nose:** powerful, tight, black fruits candied

**Palate:** masterful structure, nice roundness, very polished tannins, remarkable final, remarkable length

### **Meteorology:**

2015 is ranked as one of the hottest summer in history, in terms of accumulated degrees and sunshine hours over the period. In fact, unlike 2003 for instance, there was no scorching period in Bordeaux in 2015. Actually, since the 1st of June, we faced long periods of dry weather with heat, interspersed with beneficial rainy episodes. Finally, nighttime temperature (essential variable to describe a heatwave), remained moderate over the period. Not stifling nights but a relative freshness.

The harvesting of the Merlot started September 21 and the Cabernet-Sauvignon September 26, ending on October 6.

### **The Blend:**

- 52% Cabernet-Sauvignon
- 45% Merlot Noir
- 3% Petit Verdot

### **Our Commitment:**

*The samples tasted during the en-primeur week were taken from the final blend done during the first three months of 2016.*

*This Grande Reserve 2015 Croix de Beaucaillou will mature for 12 months in 60% new oak barrels and the remainder in one-year-old barrels (12 months). Our barrels are certified French oak, naturally cured in open-air drying parks during a minimum of 3 years.*

*Regular topping-up is done during the first 6 months of maturation.*

*The wine is racked through the bung holes every 2 or 3 months and undergoes a total of 4 rackings during its barrel maturation.*

*Only first quality natural corks are used and measure 49mm in length.*



LA CROIX  
DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU®



SAINT-JULIEN  
MIS EN BOUTEILLE AU CHATEAU  
JEAN-EUGÈNE BORIE - PROPRIÉTAIRE À SAINT-JULIEN



**La Croix de Beaucaillou (St Julien) 2015:** Another label from Ducru-Beaucaillou, although it reflects specific plots rather than being a true second wine. This change, from second wine to *terroir* wine, came in 20015; the second label of all three Borie wines is Le Petit Caillou. This *cuvée* comes from a parcel adjoining Gruaud-Larose and Léoville-Barton. In 2015 this is 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot, and it will see out 12 months in 60% new oak. Lovely black-cherry fruit character, sweet and ripe. **The palate is delicious**, full of black cherry fruit, white flowers, an icing sugar sweetness, and a ripe undercurrent of tannins. **A very smart wine** that should age well such is the texture and balance. Still medium-bodied though, in keeping with the slightly muted showing from the appellation. From my *Bordeaux 2015 primeurs* assessment. 15.5-16.5/20 (April 2016) 🔍

# Decanter

By Steven Spurrier

## La Croix de Beaucaillou, Château Ducru-Beaucaillou 2015

POINTS 91

Smooth, classy black fruits – a very polished wine from a separate vineyard with no young vines. Excitingly expressive and will develop very well.

By James Suckling

### CROIX DE BEUCAILLOU ST.-JULIEN TASTING NOTE

Score

**93-94**

*A juicy and savory second wine from Ducru with lots of ripe fruit and spice character. Chocolate and walnut undertones. Full body, velvety tannins and a fresh finish*

**Country** France

**Region** Bordeaux

**Vintage** 2015

**Date** April 1st, 2016

By René Gabriel

**2015 La Croix Beaucaillou:** Dunkles Granat, recht satt in der Mitte, rubiner Rand. Süßliches, recht komplexes Bouquet, rotes Kirschenkompott und Milchkaffee. **Im Gaumen wunderbar**, zeigt eine erstaunliche Konzentration, ein richtiger Beerencocktail auf der Zunge und so ist das Finale dann schier überfruchtig. **Der beste Croix Beaucaillou den ich je verkostet habe!** 17/20 2021 – 2033

Grenat sombre, juste assez en son milieu avec un bord rubis. Bouquet à la fois doux et complexe, aux notes de compote de cerises rouges et de café au lait. Merveilleux en bouche, montre une étonnante concentration avec un juste cocktail de baies sur la langue, et ainsi une finale presque sur-fruité. Le meilleur Croix de Beaucaillou que j'ai eu l'occasion de déguster.



# THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

By Jeff Leve

## 2015 Croix de Beaucaillou

Packed with dark red berries and cocoa, soft tannins, a medium body and plenty of ripe black raspberries, thyme and a hint of smoke, this is already showing that it could drink well early. From a blend of 52% Cabernet Sauvignon , 45% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot , the wine is aging in 60% new French oak barrels. The tannins are soft, the wine is fresh and should drink well with just a few years of bottle age. From a blend of 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot, the wine reached is aging in 60% new French oak barrels. 91-93 Pts

**92 points** - Tasted Apr 20, 2016

54 Views

Jancis Robinson

## Ch Ducru-Beaucaillou, Croix de Beaucaillou 2015 St-Julien

17

*52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot. IPT 70. From a terroir near Léoville Barton on a southern flank of a stream. Small clusters. 40 hl/ha. Two-thirds new oak.*

Savoury nose - really racy. Very fresh and sinewy. **Racy and polished.** Dry finish. But pretty sweet fruit in the middle. This 'second wine' showed extremely well even next to the grand vin, but presumably will not last as long.

# WINE ENTHUSIAST

By Roger Voss

## Croix de Beaucaillou 2015 Barrel Sample (Saint-Julien)

**94**  
POINTS

93–95. Barrel Sample. Velvet tannins are allied with powerful fruit to create a rich wine with signs of the wood aging that smooth it further. **It will be a generous wine** that will keep its fine fruitiness for many years.

# La Croix de Beaucaillou 2015

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, Bordeaux, France

By Markus Del Monego

## WRITTEN NOTES

Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black core. **Rich and perfumed nose**, floral hints in the background, blackberries and mild spices. Discreet roasting aroma in the background. On the palate firm but ripe tannins, well structured with convincing length, elegant fruit and discreet hints of toasted oak in the background.

92p

- Markus Del Monego / Best Sommelier in the World 1998



By Bernard Burtschy

### *Ch. Ducru-Beaucaillou Croix de Beaucaillou 2015 17*

La robe est sombre avec des notes de fruits noirs au nez. Le vin est plus charmeur que d'habitude, de la rondeur, de la fraîcheur. Le merlot est très chocolat noir, avec des tannins fins, pas de rusticité des tannins. 52 cabernet-sauvignon, 45 merlot, 3 petit-verdot. 13,53 °, pH 3,77, IPT 70. 60 % de fût neuf pendant douze mois. 3-10 ans.



By Olivier Poels

**16-16,5/20**

**CROIX DE BEUCAILLOU**

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Prix 2014 : 35 € • 2013 : N. C.

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Croix de  
Beaucaillou


The 2015 Croix de Beaucaillou emerges from a south-facing parcel in the center of Saint-Julien. Plump, racy and creamy on the palate, the 2015 offers lovely depth from start to finish. Cherry pit, plum, lavender and spice flesh out in the glass, but it is the wine's overall balance that is most compelling. The Croix de Beaucaillou is 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot.

(90-92)

-- Antonio Galloni

By Neal Martin

### 2015 La Croix de Beaucaillou

La Croix de Beaucaillou 

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from  
France, St Julien, Bordeaux, France

eRobertParker.com #224  
Apr 2016

Neal Martin

(91-93)

Drink: 2021 -  
2045

The 2015 La Croix de Beaucaillou is a blend of 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot. It has a floral note on the nose: small black cherries, blueberry and wilted violets, the last becoming more intense as the initially tight-fisted wine opens in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with **fine-grained tannin**. There is very well-judged acidity and its texture is **harmonious** and silky smooth. The quality is loaded more in the mouth than on the nose at the moment, but it is a **seriously classy** "deuxième vin" that just needs a little more persistence on the finish.



# Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, La Croix de Beaucaillou Saint-Julien, Rouge

Par Rédaction - 28 avril 2016

93

[16,5/20] Comme pour le grand vin, il prendra de l'ampleur en cave, mais pour le moment c'est sa pureté de fruit et sa tendresse immédiate de texture qui l'emportent.

# Beckustator

By Yves Beck

## **Croix de Beaucaillou 2015**

Robe pourpre moyenne. Bouquet de bonne intensité, marqué par des fruits rouges et des cerises. **Attaque suave, élégante, équilibrée**. Le vin a du jus, du corps, du gras et des tannins granuleux qui apparaissent en milieu de bouche et qui sont parfaitement intégrés. Agréable touche de fruits confits, **belle structure**. **Finale juteuse et fruitée**. 2020-2035 **90-92/100**

# Wine Spectator

By James Molesworth

The '15 **Croix de Beaucaillou** is "not a second wine"—not created from lots culled from the main estate and declassified into another bottling—a point that Borie wants to make clear. Just as with Clos du Marquis and Léoville Las Cases, for example, Croix de Beaucaillou and Ducru are separate estates with distinctly different vineyards, each managed separately. In this case, the wine comes from 75 acres of vineyards on the west side of the road from Ducru, with the blend of 52 percent Cabernet, 45 percent Merlot and 3 percent Petit Verdot aged for 12 months in 60 percent new oak. It's showing its wood today, with ample roasted apple wood and black licorice notes, but there's lots of juicy blackberry and plum fruit and a solidly grippy finish.



**Croix de Beaucaillon, St Julien**

(13.5%; 52CS, 45Me, 3PV)

The second wine of Ducru comes from the central part of St. Julien, representing a 30-hectare parcel next to Léoville-Barton. This has lovely cassis purity, some chalky freshness, a dash of pepper spice from the Petit Verdot and serious, age worthy tannins.  
Drink: 2020-28





**LA CROIX  
DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU  
2015  
PRIMEURS**

