



# Croix de Beaucaillou Grande Réserve 2011

“If you haven't noticed yet, it's time to jump on Bruno Borie's bandwagon for the two wines being produced from separate parts of the Ducru Beaucaillou vineyard”. **Robert Parker**

Steven Spurrier-Decanter	16,5/20
Olivier Poels - Revue du Vin de France	15-15,5/20 «Belle réussite»
Michel Bettane - TAST	16,5-17/20 «Un archétype de beau St-Julien»
Robert Parker - The Wine Advocate	90-92/100 «A sleeper of the vintage»
Neal Martin - Wine Journal	90-92/100
Jancis Robinson	16,5+/20
Jeff Leve	90-91/100

## Critics...

« Le 2011 est une belle réussite, d'une grande gourmandise, avec une bouche sensuelle et d'une belle expression de fruit, tout en rondeur. »

**Revue du Vin de France**  
**Olivier Poels - Mai 2012. 15-15,5/20**

« Arôme noble de cèdre, texture précise, sans maigreur, tanin racé lui aussi, un archétype de beau Saint-Julien. »

**Michel Bettane - TAST - Avril 2012. 16,5-17/20**

« The opaque ruby/purple-tinged 2011 Croix de Beaucaillou exhibits copious aromas of incense, Christmas fruitcake and red and black currants presented in a richly fruity, opulent style that is almost atypical in a vintage such as 2011. This beauty is clearly a sleeper of the vintage. It should drink well for 10-15 years. »

**Robert Parker**  
**Wine Advocate - April 2012. 90-92/100**

« Deep bright cherry. First year for the Petit Verdot. Exotically spiced, black fruit, even a little leathery. Purest phase of ripeness. Then more savoury on the palate. Both earthy and juicy. Very rounded but rich in the mouth, too, good amount of flesh - more flesh than many - filling out the tannins so that they are well hidden ».

**Jancis Robinson**  
**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. 16,5+/20**

« Oak, truffle, tobacco and earth notes are found in the nose. The wine is soft, round and finishes with boysenberry, cherry and cocoa ».

**Jeff Leve**  
**The Wine Cellar insider. 90-91 Pts**



## The 2011: some statistics

The 2011 vintage is composed of 73% of Cabernet-Sauvignon, 20% of Merlot and 7% of Petit Verdot.  
Degree : 13,2%. Total acidity : 3,51 g/l H2SO4 for a pH of 3,6.

## Tasting notes

22/03/2012

**Colour:** dark violet.

**Nose:** black cherries, black berries.

**On the palate:** imposing structure, full bodied, unctuous, dark berries. Fleshy. Very dense. Fresh.

**Finish:** Very, very persistent.

## Promotion

**Croix de Beaucaillou 2011 benefits from an exceptionally attractive packaging designed by Jade Jagger.**

This great wine has been praised both in France and abroad, in the traditional press as well as over the Internet.

Within the frame of our luxury store programme, more than 30 store displays featuring Croix de Beaucaillou have been set up in the most prestigious retail outlets in the world.

## Website

Our website has been updated with an audio-visual presentation of the 2011 vintage of Croix de Beaucaillou:  
**[www.chateau-ducru-beaucaillou.com](http://www.chateau-ducru-beaucaillou.com)**

## We certify that:

The sample presented to you is taken from the final blend prepared during the first term of 2012. This wine will be aged 12 months in new oak barrels for 60% and for the rest in 1-year old barrels. All our barrels are made of French oak (certified origin) that is left to dry naturally outdoors. Regular topping-ups are carried out during the first 6 months of ageing. The wines are racked every two or three months and undergo some five rackings during the ageing process. Bottling is done under sterile conditions; the bottles are sparged with inert gas before and after filling. Only first quality natural 49 mm-corks are used.