

Château Beauséjour Duffau-Lagarrosse 2023

CSPC# 146020

3x750ml

14.1% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc.
Appellation	Saint Emilion
Classification	Premier Grand Cru Classe B in 1955
Website	https://beausejour-jdl.com/
Analysis	pH: 3.41
Sustainability	Organic. In 1995, Alain's son, Gerard Dupuy, joined the family business and took it a step further by pursuing organic certification from Ecocert, a testament to the work of his father and grandfather. Gerard remains committed to the organic principles of winemaking, avoiding chaptalization, acidification, or any alteration to the wines. Since his children (Victor, Manu and Camille) have joined him, they have taken this commitment to natural farming and biodiversity further, converting to biodynamics and obtaining Demeter certification. They avoid tilling the soil unless absolutely necessary, preferring to maintain a robust cover crop to encourage microbiological health and limit erosion.
General Info	This Saint Emilion Chateau is well-situated just to the west of the village above Angelus and bordering Canon and Belair-Monange. There has been a recent change of ownership. In April 2021 the estate was sold to the Courtin family (owners of Clarins cosmetics) in partnership with Josephine Duffau-Lagarrosse after a legal battle and bidding war involving the owners of Clos Fourtet and Angelus. Josephine is now in charge of wine-making and she has toned down the heavy extraction and 100% new oak of the previous regime of Nicolas Thienpont.
Winemakers	Axel Marchal and Julien Viaud consultants.
Vintage	2023 is marked by a prolonged harvest lasting over three weeks, the longest on record at Beausejour. The vintage experienced a mild summer followed by exceptional warmth in late August.
Vineyards	The estate covers a little less than eight hectares, of which just under seven are planted with vines. The single continuous vineyard is located on one of Saint-Émilion's most prestigious terroirs. Its south/south-western exposure and steady incline allow the sun to nourish the vines for a significant part of the day. The average age of the vines is between 40 and 50 years, and their roots have grown deep in the sponge-like limestone soil – a natural water regulator. Terroir consists of 40% clay-limestone plateau, 50% south-and west-facing slope, and 10% colluvial clay-limestone soils. It is this terroir that lends the outstanding quality to the wines, whatever hurdles the vintage may bring.
Vineyards	Its surface area is 7 hectares of vines planted with 81% Merlot, 16% Cabernet-Franc and 3% Cabernet-Sauvignon on clay-limestone soils and for part of the vineyard on limestone rocks. Château Beauséjour (Duffau) is ideally situated on the upper slopes of Saint-Emilion, on the south/south-western slope, near the small church of Saint-Martin. This property has belonged continuously since 1847 to the Duffau-Lagarosse family.
Harvest	The harvest took place September 13 - September 29 for the Merlot, and October 2-3 for Cabernet Franc. Yields: 46 hl/ha.
Fermentation	The Chateau Beausejour signature style includes a 48-hour cold soak, followed by a 2-3 week low-temperature natural yeast fermentation. Their Chateaux Beauséjour are aged for 12-24 months in oak barrels, with 30% being new, preserving the legacy of excellence and passion for the craft that began generations ago.
Maturation	The wine is aged in 60% new French oak and is aged in barrels for 14-16 months.
Tasting Notes	The 2023 Château Beauséjour Duffau-Lagarrosse is an acclaimed Bordeaux vintage, noted for its balance of fruit, minerality, and elegance. It is a blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc, exhibiting aromas of black cherry, raspberry, and violets with a long, mineral finish. Critics highlight its refined, polished tannins and impressive purity, suggesting it is approachable now but also has significant aging potential, with some suggesting a drinking window from 2028-2055.



Serve with Château Beauséjour (Saint-Émilion Grand Cru) pairs best with rich, savory dishes, particularly grilled red meats (beef tenderloin, lamb), duck, and game dishes. Its high Merlot content, fruity, and tannic structure complements earthy mushroom risottos, truffle-based dishes, and hard or aged cheeses.

Production Approx. 1200 cases made annually

Cellaring Drink 2036-2050

Scores/Awards

- 93 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - January 2026
- 97+ points** - Yohan Castaing, Wine Advocate - April 2026
- 96-98 points** - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2024
- 96-98 points** - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - May 2024
- 97 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2026
- 95-96 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2024
- 98 points** - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - May 2024
- 98 points** - Jane Anson, janeanson.com - April 2024
- 97-99 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2024
- 93 points** - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com - April 2024
- 92-94 points** - Thomas Parker, Farr Vintners - April 2024
- 95 points** - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2026
- 94-96 points** - Neal Martin, Vinous - April 2024
- 95 points** - Jean Marc Quarin - April 2024
- 97 points** - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2024
- 97 points** - Vert de Vin - November 2025
- 95-97 points** - Alexandre Ma MW - April 2024
- 95 points** - Raffaele Vecchione, WinesCritic.com - April 2024
- 98 points** - Vinum Wine Magazine - January 2026
