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VINOUS – Avril 2024 / 95-98

By Antonio GALLONI

The 2023 Beau-Séjour Bécot is fabulous. Rich, opulent and explosive to the core, the 2023 offers up a heady melange of dark red / purplish fruit, spice, lavender, rose petal, blood orange and bright saline notes. As always, Cabernet Franc plays an important role in shaping the aromatic and flavor profile. The 2023 is an absolute stunner. It's the first vintage made in the new cellar. That's of course not enough of a track record to make any definitive assessments, but in the 2023, I see a wine with more aromatic presence, greater precision and more refined tannins than any recent vintage I can recall. In a word: magnificent! Tasted two times.



VINOUS – Mars 2026 / 98

By Antonio GALLONI

The 2023 Beau-Séjour Bécot 2023 is fabulous. Vibrant and delineated, the 2023 is gorgeous, statuesque beauty. The precision here is just unreal. Soaring aromatics, vibrant red-toned fruit and polished tannins convey finesse. Vibrant saline notes stain the palate on the finish. Beau-Séjour Bécot is one of the very finest wines of the Right Bank in 2023.



WINE ADVOCATE – Avril 2024 / 96-98

By William KELLEY

The first vintage produced in the estate's highly functional new winery, the 2023 Beau-Séjour Bécot has turned out beautifully and looks likely to rival or surpass the brilliant 2022. Unfurling in the glass with notes of raspberries, dark berries and minty cherries mingled with notions of iris, wisteria and lilac, it's medium to full-bodied, layered and velvety, with a suave attack that prefaces a cool, complete core of fruit that's pure, perfumed and mineral, concluding with a long, saline finish. It's a blend of 77% Merlot and 23% Cabernet Franc that was harvested from September 7 to October 4, sub-block by sub-block.



This beautifully situated 22-hectare estate, sitting on Saint-Émilion's limestone plateau, is emerging from a period of extensive restructuring (favoring high-quality massal selections), and now benefits from a state-of-the-art new winery, with vats adapted to each parcel's production and efficient refrigerations technology permitting the rapid cooling of the crop on reception. What has transformed this estate since 2018, however, has just as much to do with a change of approach. Long but gentle macerations, more judicious extraction and a much defter touch with the choice of new oak are delivering wines of much greater finesse and complexity, without any loss of intensity, and the quality of this superb terroir is now front and center in the glass. The run of quality continues with the 2023 vintage, which the estate's vineyards weathered without any appreciable signs of hydric stress to produce a beautifully suave and sensual wine of striking purity and perfume.

By James SUCKLING

A wine with very bright and al-dente fruit. Aromas and flavors of redcurrants and minerals with lavender and chalk. Medium to full body and a solid core of tannins integrated with the dark fruit. Toned-muscle quality to the tannins. Fresh and vibrant at the end. Pure fruit. Energy.

The WINE CELLAR INSIDER - Mai 2024 / 96-98

By Jeff LEVE

The intensity, length, and purity are impossible to ignore this year. The wine offers strong floral characteristics coupled with sweet, ripe, red cherries, licorice, black raspberries, and a hint of cocoa. The wine is silky, elegant, long, and refined. The fruit is incredibly, soft, sweet, and pure. The key point in the vintage was their water-retentive, limestone terroir that nourished the vines during the dry part of the growing season. 2023 is the first vintage produced in the estates new cellars, which allowed for precision wine making, which was needed in this difficult vintage. The aging is different starting with the 2023 as well, now the wine is aged in 55% new, French oak barrels, with 20% of the harvest aging in foudres.

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

BECKUSTATOR-YVES BECK.WINE – Mai 2024 / 96-98

By Yves BECK

La subtilité affichée par le bouquet en dit long sur la profondeur de Beau-Séjour Bécot 2023. Très belle notion d'équilibriste entre des fruits noirs mûrs, mais frais, sans basculer d'un côté ou de l'autre. Il faut dire que le caractère floral assure la fraîcheur avec beaucoup de pertinence. La densité affichée en bouche est progressive ; elle évolue le long du palais. D'abord élancé, le vin gagne en chair au fil de son cheminement. Les tannins, puissants, offrent une très belle assise, communément avec le caractère structurant de l'acidité. Les énergies présentes sont bien canalisées. Elles insinuent la grandeur du vin, sans pour autant être démonstratives. A nouveau une très belle performance de la famille Bécot et de ses équipes.

Yves Beck

JEAN MARC QUARIN – Mai 2024/ 17.5

By JM QUARIN

Couleur sombre, pourpre et belle. Nez intense, fin, pur, subtil. Touche fine de cacao. Bouche tout en minutie tactile, avec une pulpe délicate et grasse. Très fruité, le vin fond et se développe sur une sensation fougueuse en finale. Très belle longueur parfumée, à la tannicité raffinée. Assemblage : 77 % merlot, 23 % cabernet franc. Degré d'alcool : 14° - pH : 3,5. 12 % de vin de presse. Vin assemblé depuis décembre 2023, une précocité rare sur la rive droite. Elevage 55 % en barriques neuves, 25 % en barriques d'un vin, 20 % en foudres de 20 hl. Rendement : 40 hl/ha

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The Wine Independent – Mai 2024 / 95-97+

By Lisa PERROTTI-BROWN

A blend of 77% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2023 Beau-Sejour Becot has a pH of 3.5. It is ageing in 55% new oak barriques, 20% one-year-old barrels, and 25% in a mix of amphorae and 20 hl oak casks. It has a deep garnet-purple color and comes galloping out of the glass with notes of crushed plums, black raspberries, and Morello cherries, opening out to a delicate undercurrent of garrigue, crushed rocks, violets, cranberry sauce, and pencil shavings. The medium-bodied palate is breathtakingly elegant and racy, with intense red and black berry layers and a fine-grained texture, finishing with energetic mineral sparks.

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Kraftvolles distinguiertes Bouquet, blaue und rote Beeren, Waldfrüchte, geröstete Kräuter, kubanische Zigarren, zart Espresso. Gute Dichte, saftig, viel feines Tannin, charmante Süsse, gute Struktur, feine Säure, delikate reife rotbeerige Frucht, Wildkirschen, Heidelbeeren, getrockneter Rosmarin, zart Preiselbeeren im Finish, lang.

THE DRINK BUSINESS – Mai 2024 / 96-98**By Colin HAY**

77% Merlot; 23% Cabernet Franc; a final yield of 39 hl/ha with the old vines; aging in oak barrels, 55% of which are new; tasted at Beau-Séjour Bécot. with Jean de Cournaud; the first vintage to be vinified in the new chai, serendipitously received just a few days before the harvest began). Beautifully dark berried and highly pixilated in its detail. Raspberry, blueberry, mulberry. Graphite. Pencil-shaving. Violet. On the palate we find violet-encased black cherry and blueberry – with a vivid sense of the texture of the whole berries and the skin of the cherry. Polished, silky but with great compactness and density in the mid-palate. Very spherical and with a gracious long tapering descent towards the distant horizon. Asymptotic! A deeply impressive wine. So fresh and clean and focussed, with a lovely structural pinch before the fantail, sculpted by the crumbly limestone tannins. I love the florality here and the sense of it being fully interwoven with the fruit across the palate. Indeed, it has me craving a re-tasting in 10 years' time of this alongside Clos Fourtet – both extremely gracious but very differently formed, each highly floral and each brilliantly expressive of its limestone terroir.

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drinks business**TERRE DE VINS – Mai 2024 / 97****By Mathieu DOUMENGE**

Vendanges exceptionnellement longues à BSB, on a figolé le millésime comme jamais. Importante proportion de cabernet franc (23 %) pour cette première année vinifiée dans le nouveau cuvier. Le vin gagne encore en éclat, en vibration, en profondeur. La densité se pare d'une aromatique florale et crayeuse, la silhouette du vin se déroule sur une dentelle aérienne, une trame ciselée. C'est une pure expression du plateau calcaire en majesté.

*Terre de Vins***DECANTER – Mai 2024 / 97****By Georgie HINDLE**

A brilliant wine from this estate in 2023. Gorgeous bright purple rim. Fresh blueberries and black cherries on the nose with crayon, pencil lead, tapenade, olive and liquorice. Tangy and so alive on the palate, crystalline and pure, really clean and clear. The limestone comes through strongly in the wet stone aspects, a metallic coating of the mouth. This has a touch of tension, with mouthwatering acidity, as well as some subtle fleshiness that really expands towards the finish, where the wine settles and grows. A lovely, very singular style. Great juiciness, almost salty strawberry juice with cranberry and raspberry that really lingers. This will grow into a beauty. Tannins are flawless, there's density but no heaviness. One of the best! The second year with a significant part of massale selection Cabernet Franc in the blend. 39hl/ha yield. 3.5pH, 68 IPT.

Decanter**VINIFERA – Juin 2024 / 97****By Clio & Jacques PERRIN****VINIFERA**

By Jeb Dunnuck

Based on 77% Merlot and 23% Cabernet Franc and aged 14 months in 55% new French oak with the balance in one-year-old barrels, foudres, and amphoras, the 2023 Château Beau-Séjour Bécot is a beautiful 2023 that's incredibly classic as well as very much in the style of the vintage. Pure black raspberries, spring flowers, graphite, and crushed stone all emerge from the bouquet, and it's concentrated and medium-bodied on the palate, with a pure, juicy, seamless mouthfeel, nicely integrated acidity, and fine tannins. It's all about elegance and finesse. I suspect it's going to gain some weight with 4-5 years of bottle age and will keep for 30 years. It reminds me of an improved 2001.