CHÂTEAU BEAUSÉJOUR

J. DUFFAU-LAGARROSSE

2023

"The hallmark of a great terroir is its ability to express itself through its wines, whatever the climatic conditions throughout the growing season."

JOSÉPHINE DUFFAU-LAGARROSSE



TERROIR

60% limestone plateau, Astéries limestone
30% south-and southwest-facing slopes
Fronsadais molasse with limestone presence
10% lower slopes, soils derived from ancient colluvium

VINEYARD AREA

6.2 ha in production
for a total 6.8 ha

AGE OF THE VINES

50 years

VINTAGE BLEND

72% Merlot
28% Cabernet Franc

HARVEST DATES

Manual harvest in small crates
Merlot : 13, 14, 15, 19, 26, 28 and 29/09 - Cabernet Franc : 2, 3/10

AGEING

15 months
with 55% new oak

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

14%

PRODUCTION

46hl/ha

HISTORY — Nestled on both the plateau and the hillside, with a South/South-West facing exposure, in one of the most remarkable sites of the appellation, the vineyard of Beauséjour takes on the air of a garden set upon the limestone bedrock. Belonging to the Duffau-Lagarrosse family since 1847, Beauséjour changed hands in April 2021. The result of the fortuitous meeting of two families, Prisca Courtin, granddaughter of Jacques Courtin, creator of Clarins cosmetics, and Joséphine Duffau-Lagarrosse, the ninth generation, here the duo is now at the helm of the estate. A new, dynamic, and talented team has joined them to enhance this exceptional terroir : Axel Marchal and Julien Viaud.

VINTAGE 2023 — Several moments capture the uniqueness of the 2023 vintage. A mild winter, a beautiful flowering, and generous fruit set. We can speak of a summer of contrasts, with often overcast skies until the second half of August, which was marked by exceptionally high temperatures. The vineyard's layers—particularly the astérial limestone and clay-limestone soils—expressed themselves differently, resulting in an unusually extended harvest period. With a total of nine days, the 2023 vintage will be remembered as the longest harvest in Beauséjour's history. A strict intra-parcel selection was implemented to ensure that each part of the vineyard was harvested at perfect ripeness. The 2023 vintage also has the distinction of being the last to use Beauséjour's historic winery. A very favorable late season allowed for a beautiful completion of the harvest. Extractions were tailored to each tank to reveal all the expressions of our terroir.

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