



CHÂTEAU DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU 1982

(recorked at the château 2011)

Château Tasting notes (December 2014)

- **Quality:** ★★★★★ (mythic)
- **Colour:** remarkably dark, deep purplish red robe.
- **Nose:** A rich bouquet giving off an aroma of blackberry liquor with rather discrete notes of spices and cedar.
- **Palate:** the wine is full-bodied, rich and velvety. A flavourful aroma of blackberry fills the mouth. Long and extremely well-balanced.

The outstanding 1982 is one of a handful of the last century's top vintages!

Characteristics of vintage

- **Weather:** Winter was mild and rainy. After a warm and dry spring, flowering began at the end of May and finished early June, followed by a very hot summer and a spectacular grape development. Occasional storms brought just the required amount of water to the vines, allowing perfect maturation of the grapes. The first two weeks of September were particularly hot stressing plants on gravelly soils. When time to pick, the grapes were exceptionally ripe. The rather low acidity levels were counterbalanced by very high tannin contents.
- **Harvest:** Picking began on **September 16th** and lasted 17 days.

Serving suggestions

- **Potential for aging:** drink now or hold for another 20 years or more!
- **Temperature:** between 16°C (60.4°F) and 18°C (64.4°F)
- **Decanting time:** 2 hours before pouring

★: mediocre
★★: average
★★★: good
★★★★: great
★★★★★: outstanding
★★★★★★: mythic