



CROIX DE BEAUCAILLOU 2005

Château Tasting notes (December 2014)

- **Quality:** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ (outstanding)
- **Color:** beautiful, intense dark red
- **Nose:** imposing with hints of blackberries underlined by vanilla notes and Cuban cigar box
- **Palate:** its powerful body leans on silky tannins. Its elegance and very well-balanced structure show its kinship with the Grand Vin.

Croix de Beaucaillou 2005's vintage is an opulent wine with great style.

Characteristics of the vintage

- **Weather:** the wet winter favoured the reconstitution of the water-table. A fine Spring, though marked by frequent storms, lead to a superb hot and dry summer. September and October witnessed the perfect maturation of the grapes under excellent weather conditions.
- **Harvest:** the Merlot were harvested from **September 21st** and the Cabernet Sauvignon from **September 29th**. Harvesting was completed on **October 6th**.

Blending of vintage 2005

- **60%** Cabernet-Sauvignon
- **40%** Merlot

Serving suggestions

- **Aging potential:** serve now or hold for a few years
- **Serving temperature:** between 16°C (60.4°F) and 18°C (64.4°F).
- **Decanting time:** two hours before tasting

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