



CHÂTEAU BEYCHEVELLE

VINTAGE 2009

Dates of harvest 2009

From September 21st to October 12th

Production

73.2 ha in Saint Julien

Yield

45 hl/ha

Blend

Cabernet Sauvignon 46%

Merlot 44%

Cabernet Franc 6%

Petit Verdot 4%

2009, a unique vintage

The 2009 growing season and harvest benefited from exceptionally fine weather from beginning to end.

After a very sunny and dry month of March, the first buds appeared in early April when it was wet and cool. Flowering took place the last week of May during summerlike conditions.

Hot, sunny, dry days and cool nights in September were particularly conducive to good ripening.

The 2009 vintage has many unique characteristics, and the degree of alcohol has never been higher. Furthermore, both the tannin and polyphenol levels broke all records in 2009. However, thanks to beautiful acidity, the wine remains fresh and well-balanced.

It is tremendously fruity (with blackcurrant, black cherry and very ripe blackberry nuances) reflecting just the right degree of maturity in the grapes, without any over-ripeness.

2009 Château Beychevelle displays not only finesse and balance, but also enormous power. It can undoubtedly be considered as one of the estate's historic vintages, and we will be delighted to compare it with other great years.



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TASTING NOTES 2009

E-ROBERT PARKER - 93- 95

Tasted at the château and at the UGC. A blend of 46% Cabernet Sauvignon 40% Merlot 6% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot cropped at 45hl/ha. A deep purple/garnet colour. Clear. Immediately, the nose is very pure with a tangible sense of minerality in the aromatics, very focused and speaking of its place. Black fruits, cold granite, a touch of cedar. I like the precision here. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, a nice sense of tension, lightness combined with intensity. Perhaps a more feminine 2009, but that is not meant pejoratively. Very smooth with lively small black cherries, cedar and pencil shavings toward the Cabernet dominated cashmere finish. Good persistency.

WINE SPECTATOR – 90-93/100

Sweet berry and floral aromas, with a creamy undertone. Full-bodied, with a dense and polished palate, fine tannins and a long finish. Best since 2000?

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The wine is a deep, dark ruby red in colour. The aromas are of vivid cassis/ blackcurrant and cedar/lead pencils giving way to the cassis notes eventually. The palate has a pure cassis character with notes of blackcurrant leaf that endure well. The wine is of mid-weight with plentiful fine tannins. The finish shows some nice freshness and toasty oak which dominates the finish slightly. Alcohol and acidity are both well balanced. This is a harmonious wine that will open nicely with a little more age.