HAUT-BAILLY-II

2023

Yves Beck

Yves Beck 04/2024

Le bouquet est marqué par le fruit et la fraîcheur. Un peu comme lorsqu'on se trouve dans le chai durant les vinifications! En résumé, ça sent le vin, le très bon vin, et les récepteurs sont prêts à accueillir ce qui s'annonce frais et juteux. L'attaque est friande, salivante et relayée par des tannins suaves et serrés. Un vin qui a du tempérament, du muscle, de la sapidité! Que de bons présages et quel excellent niveau

95-96



Antonio Galloni 04/2024

The 2023 Haut-Bailly II is soft, open-knit and **very pretty.** I am almost shocked by how accessible the II is today. Then again, I tasted it on a warm, very sunny day, ideal conditions for tasting wines from barrel. Crushed flowers, spice, mint, dried herbs and rose petal are all very nicely lifted. **Silky tannins add to the wine's considerable charm.**

90-93



04/2023

Carefully balanced, with precision, cloves, fennel, dried fruits, joyful and vibrant, with savoury black fruits, moreish and delicious. 40hl/h yield. Includes the vines from Le Pape for the second year (and from now on).



James Suckling

This is very structured for the second wine, a chewy and layered red with lots of blackberry and blackcurrant character. It's medium- to full-bodied, creamy and layered with a long finish. Muscular and flexing. **Serious for a second wine**. More tannic than 2022. 64% merlot, 34% cabernet sauvignon and 2% cabernet franc.

94-95



04/2024

Désormais fondé majoritairement sur le merlot (64 % de l'assemblage cette année), le second vin de Haut-Bailly est **une véritable gourmandise**, dont on boirait déjà volontiers de larges rasades... Clair d'aspect, tendre, il s'offre dès le nez, avec la prééminence d'un fruit direct, avenant, volubile même. L'expressivité de ce même fruit, d'une délicieuse douceur, s'articule en bouche autour d'une structure plus acidulée que tannique. Un **bonbon**, mais sans aucun simplisme.

91-93



Neal Martin 04/2024

The 2023 Haut-Bailly II is a blend of 64% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Cabernet Franc, picked from September 11 and 29. It has quite a potent bouquet with perfumed black fruit, touches of dark chocolate and mint, well-defined and focused. The palate is framed by powdery tannins and nicely balanced with gentle grip. There's moderate depth and a touch of white pepper toward the finish, actually gaining cohesion in the glass. The 2023 will need two or three years in bottle.

90-92

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

Jeff Leve 04/2024

Spicy blackberries, black cherries, tobacco and flowers are already expressive in the nose. On the mediumbodied palate, the wine is soft, forward, silky, and lively, with sweet, black cherries, and a hint of chocolate in the finish. This is perfect to enjoy while waiting for the Grand Vin to develop. The wine blends 64% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2% Cabernet Franc. This is the second vintage incorporating the vines from Chateau Le Pape. Drink from 2027-2038.

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Georgie Hindle 04/2024

Fragrant nose, really quite floral - rose, violets and peonies on the nose with raspberry and red cherry. Soft and suave, this has a silky elegance to it. Tannins are a little powdery, giving some structure, and just take over the fruit, bit this has ripe fruit and a minty, fresh undercurrent which keeps the lift all the way through. Plus this feels like it has depth. A great second wine, more body than some, a chew and soft sweetness that is nice. It's a little light overall, but very Haut-Bailly esque, elegant with some wood spice, cedar and bitter liquorice on the finish. 3.75pH. Ageing 12 months, 30% new oak.

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JEB DUNNUCK

Jeb Dunnuck 04/2024

The second wine from this great château, the 2023 Château Haut-Bailly II is based 64% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, and the rest Cabernet Franc, resting in 30% new barrels, representing 35% of the total production. Ripe black cherries, currants, tobacco, spice box, and floral notes all emerge on the nose, and it's beautifully balanced, medium-bodied, and elegant on the palate, with ripe, polished tannins.

90-92



Libert Carker

Jean-Marc Quarin 04/2024

Très beau rouge sombre et pourpre. Nez aromatique, au fruité mûr et un brin solaire. Minutieux dès l'entrée en bouche, savoureux au milieu, très aromatique, avec un corps modéré, le vin évolue sans angle tannique sur une longueur normale. Ensemble très agréable. Assemblage : 64 % merlot, 34 % cabernet sauvignon, 2 % cabernet franc. Degré d'alcool : 14°5 - pH : 3,75. Rendement : 40,5 hl/ha.

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Yohan Castaing 04/2024

Aromas of cassis, mulberries, violet and dark wild berries characterized this elegant, gourmand and fresh 2023 Haut-Bailly II. This is a blend of 64% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Cabernet Franc matured 30% in new oak and the rest in one- to two-year-old barrels.

90-92

ALEXANDRE MAS

04/2024

In 2023, Haut-Bailly II transported me back to the scents of 1980s Bordeaux. This wine boasts crisp acidity, mature polyphenols, and the brittle fragrance of berries, all enhanced by the characteristic graphite powder notes, resulting in ideal layering. The finesse and elegance of Bordeaux are fully displayed in this wine, and the finish offers a hint of cedar freshness and a rare salty note, which makes a high proportion of Merlot with the dress of Cabernet Sauvignon.

92-93



Lin Liu MW 04/2024

Exhibiting delicacy and great fruit ripeness, this wine offers a crunchy texture with vibrant red fruits. Its beautiful tannin profile enhances the overall experience, leading to a long-lasting, classy finish.

92-93

WINEDOCTOR

Chris Kissack 05/2024

The blend of the second wine this year is 64% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Cabernet Franc, and most of the Merlot came from the vineyards of Le Pape, discontinued in the 2022 vintage. This takes 35% of the crop, the remainder going into the third wine. The élevage will be in 20% new oak. A rather reduced nose here, so it is a little difficult to penetrate the aromatic profile at the moment. The texture on the palate is very convincing though, classically framed, taut and sinewy as per the vintage, with beautiful notes of red cherry, leather, tobacco and truffle emerging through the midpalate, set in a lively, vigorous, energetic substance, leading to a finish of elegantly honed fruit and spicy energy. This has a sense of elegance and despite the envelopment of Le Pape in the blend, it feels very much a mini-Haut-Bailly. In fact it is delicious. It needs some time though, I suspect. The alcohol is around 14.5% on analysis.

90-92



Lisa Perrotti-Brown 05/2024

A blend of 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 64% Merlot, and 2% Cabernet Franc, the 2023 Haut-Bailly II has a pH of 3.75. It is deep garnet-purple in color and it leaps from the glass with energetic notes of crushed Bing cherries, juicy raspberries, and strawberry preserves, giving way to hints of cumin seed, Sichuan pepper, mossy tree bark, and black olives. The medium-bodied palate is velvety and juicy, with a great concentration of mid-palate fruit and a spicy finish.

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WEINWISSER Tjark Witzgall (Giuseppe Lauria) 05/2024

64 % Merlot, 34 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 2 % Cabernet Franc. Delicate bouquet, red berry contours, rosemary, cloves and light tobacco. Elegant on the palate with a straightforward orientation, tightly woven tannin structure, supportive race, good tension - a serious second wine. Cranberry, verbena and mealy astringency on the concentrated finish.



James Lawther 04/2024

Round, broad with hedgerow notes, the Merlot distinctive (contains quite a bit from the former Le Pape vineyard). Sweet and gourmand on the palate. A little warm but has freshness as well. Powdery tannins on the finish. Shouldn't need to wait too long but the longevity can often surprise. (JL) 16

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