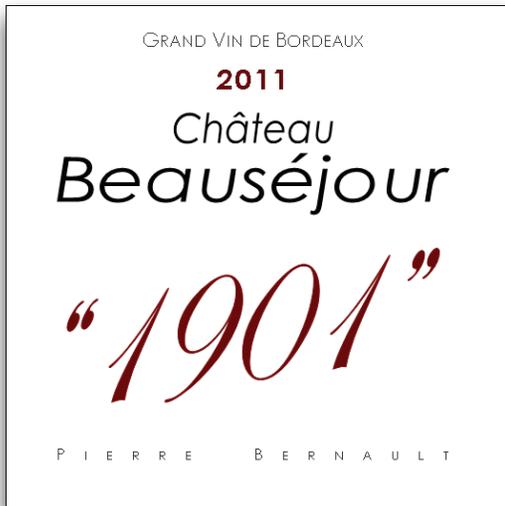


Chateau Beauséjour “1901” Montagne St Emilion 2011



REGION	Montagne St Emilion AOC
GRAPES	50% Cabernet Franc, 50% Merlot
VITICULTURE	Organic farming. Hand picked fruit from 1901 plantings.
VINICULTURE	Fermentation in unlined cement vats. Aged in 50% new, 50% one year old French oak for 18 months.
SOIL	Clay and Limestone
ALCOHOL	14%
PRODUCTION	400 cases in 2011

Château Beauséjour was built in 1851 . The rich family who built it owned several vineyard estates in the Bordeaux region and were also prosperous wine merchants. In those days, the large chai was used to store and age the most prestigious wines of the Saint Émilion and Pomerol regions (Cheval Blanc, Petrus, Beau-Séjour, Nénin, La Conseillante, ... and Château Beauséjour) . The estate was purchased in 1994 by a group of wine loving investors. During this period, a Negociant Company was in charge of the management and the marketing of the wines.

In 2004, former Microsoft executive Pierre Bernault purchased Château Beauséjour, and realized upon moving in that the vineyard, having been mismanaged by its previous owners, had seen better days. He brought on **Stéphane Derenoncourt** and **Simon Blanchard** of Derenoncourt Consultants who immediately went to work with him in an effort to salvage this once pristine property. Over 3 of the estates 12 hectares are home to vines that were planted in 1901, which make them the oldest in the entire region of Bordeaux. The average age of the vines covering the rest of the property, which is divided into 12 parcels, is 55 years. The vineyard has made a full recovery and is in perfect health; the soils are well known among the best profiles on the Right Bank. The estate is situated at the very top of the Montagne – Saint Emilion AOC, which benefits from persistent airflow and strong breezes. The ancient windmills at the height of the property can attest to that.

Michele D'Aprix, a protégé of Stéphane Derenoncourt, joined Pierre in 2008 for the inception of her label, “Pentimento”. Michele works alongside Pierre under Derenoncourt’s viticultural consult to make all of the wine made at the estate. “1901” is the smallest production of the 3 wines, produced from vines that were planted in 1901, which makes them the oldest vines in the entire region of Bordeaux still producing fruit.

— Michele D'Aprix, Winemaker MDX  Soil Matters