

# CHÂTEAU DAUZAC

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Dedicated to the expression of a terroir and dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon, Château Dauzac reveals a beautifully complex bouquet. On the palate, it displays a subtle balance between the richness of its tannins and the aromatic diversity of its supple fruit, emblematic of a great wine for ageing.

The vines got off to an earlier start than in recent decades. This year, spring frosts were mild and spared our plots. The warmer-than-average spring allowed us to enjoy a magnificent flowering period, which began at the end of May. Until early summer, weather conditions were mild and very humid. This equation meant that our teams had to keep a watchful eye on the plants. Different herbal teas are used for each treatment to reinforce the vine's defenses, thus effectively protecting our vineyard. Veraison begins slowly at the end of the first half of July and ends at the beginning of August. Radically different from July, the weather in August becomes dry, with normally warm temperatures. Conditions intensify in September, with several weeks above 40°C coupled with hot nights. We began harvesting our plots on September 11<sup>th</sup> and finished on the 27<sup>th</sup> under optimal weather conditions. The juices are concentrated and rich, but with excellent acidity that will guarantee great ageing potential.



#### APPELLATION

Margaux

#### BLEND

66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot

#### GROWING SURFACE AREA

42 hectares

#### SOIL TYPE

Deep, gravelly hilltops

#### ROOTSTOCKS

101-14, Riparia Gloire et 3309

#### FERTILISER

Organic

#### PLANT DENSITY

10 000 vines stocks per hectare

#### AVERAGE AGE OF VINES

35-40 years

#### TYPE OF PRUNING

Double Guyot system with de-budding

#### HARVESTING

By hand in small crates and table sorting before and after destemming

#### VINIFICATION

Use of a gravity-flow cellar to supply the fermenting room

#### ALCOHOLIC FERMENTATION

Without sulphite ; in wooden casks with dual transparent staves having allowed us to rethink our method of pumping-over and optimise macerations. Fermentation temperature 28°C

#### MALOLACTIC

Yes

#### FINING

If needed, with plant proteins

#### AGEING

15 months in French oak barrels (of which 65% are new) and 10% in amphora

#### ALCOHOL CONTENT

14% Vol.

#### TASTING COMMENTS

Powerful and silky, this full-bodied, fleshy 2023 has an attack dominated by bright, pure fruit, giving way to a full, silky palate where red fruit and menthol notes mingle. The tannins are well integrated. The texture on the palate is luscious and full.

#### AGEING POTENTIAL

In its best years from 5 to 20 years, at its peak between 20 and 30 years

100% VEGAN CERTIFIED WINE PRODUCTION

*The Movie Château Dauzac 2023*



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BERNARD  
**BURTSCHY**  
Ph.D.  
LA SCIENCE DU MATHÉMATIEN ET L'ÉDUCATION DES TÊTES

95-96/100

«Over the last ten years, Dauzac has embarked on a vast programme to redefine its wine. The colour of 2023 is very deep, with aromas of blackberry, wood and liquorice. The attack is fresh and elegant, with finesse and a lovely touch of oak. The wine has good length and a cherry finish. The result is in the glass!»

**JAMES SUCKLING.COM**

94-95/100

«A solid and very energetic red with aromas of blackcurrant and lemon peel..... density and intensity of firm tannins and acidity. Racy and classic in many ways.»  
James Suckling April 2024

**ALEXANDRE MAILLON**

92-93/100

«I am delighted to see such a wine that nicely balances strength and softness in the 2023 vintage. From the first sniff, I sensed its massive structure, especially its potent, riche fruitiness, almost indistinguishable from those of a big vintage. Interestingly, despite its abundant tannins, there is no overwhelming heaviness; instead, a velvety texture gently unfolds in the mouth. A hint of violet at the bottom of the glass brings an elegant touch to the tasting, like a dark purple petal growing among hard rocks, embodying both delicacy and power.»

**tastingbook**  
Your Personal Wine Professional

94/100

«Dark purple colour with violet hue and almost black core. Expressive nose with ripe plums and blackcurrants, blackcurrant jelly, vanilla, fine toasting and a whiff of blood. On the palate well structured with elegant body, firm tannins and very good length.»

Markus Del Monego April 2024

*Terre de Vins*

94-95/100

«Dauzac reveals its usual charm, with luscious fruit and extremely well-mastered ageing that adds a hint of fine spice to the black fruit. On the palate, a lovely smoothness, a seductive roundness signed by the blackberry jelly, carried by a tannic coat sewn with finesse. The finish is delicious, delicately zesty and peppery.»

**JANE ANSON**  
INSIDE BORDEAUX

94/100

«Chewy tannins, liquorice, fennel, aniseed, good push and pull, rises on the finish, juice underneath the construction, blueberry and raspberry fruits, a construction and texture that keeps you engaged, and slate texture to the tannins. Good stuff, one to look out for, an exceptional vintage at this estate»  
Jane Anson April 2024

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**VertdeVin**

MAGAZINE & WEBSITE FOR WINE & SPIRITS LOVERS

95/100

«The nose is fruity, elegant, greedy, mineral, fresh and taut, with lovely definition, depth and fine concentration. Elegant aromatic concentration / hint of darkness. There are notes of pulpy blackberry, bright strawberry, a discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla, crushed blue plum, a subtle touch of graphite and cubeb pepper. On the palate, the wine is beautifully crafted, precise, vibrant, round, full, greedy, airy, racy, nicely balanced and offers a lovely textured side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of violet, full-bodied blackberry, full-bodied raspberry and, to a lesser extent, full-bodied strawberry, combined with hints of sage, herbal tea and star anise, as well as a subtle hint of almost juicy roasted fruit (a Mediterranean aspect to the fruit's approach and ripeness), discreet hints of tonka bean, toasted notes, star anise and a hint of chocolate. Attractive acidity and salinity on the finish. The tannins are mellow, chalky and delicious.»  
Jonathan Chicheportiche April 2024

**Vinum** VV Wine

MAGAZINE DE LA CULTURE DU VIN

92-94/100

«Stunning aroma, expressive fruit, balsamic notes, herbs, roasted flavours; delicate palate, polished tannins, light-footed, yet dense, refreshing, salty finish. Pure elegance.»  
Adrian van Velsen April 2024

**vin**OUS

93/100

«The 2023 Dauzac is a racy, heady wine. Dauzac offers plenty of immediacy and overall appeal. Red/purplish-hued fruit, spice and floral notes open effortlessly. Dauzac is pretty intense texturally but not overdone, as it was a few years ago. It's a stylish Margaux to enjoy over the next 15-20 years.»  
Antonio Galloni April 2024

**the drinks business**

93/100

«... A parfumeur's essence of violet and rose petal, very attractive and very intense, is liberally interspersed with and generously infusing the cherry stony fruit, a little bramble and cassis as well. Finely textured and very impressive. This I find very technically accomplished, the challenges of the vintage well-managed...»  
Colin Hay May 2024

**JEB DUNNUCK**

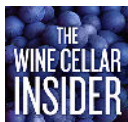
93/100

«Ripe red and black fruits, sappy flowers, leafy herbs, and some subtle marine-like nuances (iron, salt) all emerge from the 2023 Château Dauzac, a pure, medium-bodied, supple, elegant Margaux that has a great texture, ripe tannins, and outstanding length.»  
Jeb Dunnuck Mai 2024

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91-93/100

«Flowers, black cherries, espresso, tobacco, and cedar form the core of the character here. On the palate, the medium-bodied wine is soft, fresh, elegant, and round, with fresh, black currants, cherries, cocoa, and chalk from the mid-palate through to the finish. Drink from 2028-2050..»

**bettane +  
desseauve**

93-94/100 - Icon

«Very nice body, ripe fruit, but still a little tannic, which should mellow with months of ageing. The wine is in the spirit of the vintage.»

**WEINWISSER**

17/20

«Lush blueberry bouquet, blueberry jelly, liquorice, violets and elderberry juice. On the straightforward palate with a soft texture, nervy race, tightly woven tannin corset and very taut body. Cherry skin and dark graphite on the concentrated, long finish.»  
Tjark Witzgall May 2024

**TulipeRouge**  
LE GUIDE NUMÉRIQUE DES VINS

94/100

**LE FIGARO**

93-95/100

«Sweet spices (cinnamon, nutmeg and vanilla) mingle with pure, crisp raspberry and cherry aromas, evoking the beginnings of a gourmet dessert. The delicate, smooth palate evokes a basket of freshly picked summer fruit, which again is pure and crisp, with a definite tenderness..»



92-93/100

«... This is a serious wine, with substance, density and fine fruit...»

*Yves Beck*

92/100

«The freshness of the bouquet heralds a linear wine carried by compact tannins and a supportive structure. Harmonious and slightly creamy, the wine unfolds with precision. It can be enjoyed in its early years, while still offering respectable ageing potential. A flavourful and enticing wine. 2028-2040»

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