



CHÂTEAU HAUT-BEAUSÉJOUR, ST. ESTÈPHE

In 1992, Jean-Claude Rouzaud, then President of Champagne Louis Roederer, acquired and combined two vineyards in the heart of the Médoc's St. Estèphe appellations: Château Picard and Château Beauséjour. Covering 46 acres, these properties make up Château Haut-Beauséjour.

KEY POINTS

1. Jean-Claude Rouzaud adopted a series of measures constituting the "Château Haut-Beauséjour Charter of Quality": pruning, bud thinning, cluster thinning, and a resumption of manual harvesting.
2. The proportion of Merlot has been increased, relative to other Châteaux in the area, to give the wine a more fleshy aspect. This makes the wine more approachable at a younger age yet provides enough structure for aging.
3. The wine represents an outstanding value for St. Estèphe designated wines. Many wines at this price point are not appellation specific.
4. It is matured in 100% small oak casks for 12 months, 40% of which are new French oak.
5. The appellation of St. Estèphe is unique by its proximity to both the Atlantic Ocean and the Gironde River. The soil consists of gravel over clay, providing good drainage and a temperate, maritime climate, which is excellent for the maturation of the grapes.

