

## Beaucastel's Comments about the wines

1988

Ruby color with light red overtones.

Intense nose showing tobacco, macerated fruit, and hints of tanned leather.

The palate is round and dense, well balanced with a lively finish.

Shows well but still has a lot of potential.

*This vintage was closed for many years, but has started to open up well since 2005. Fantastic with food*

**Drink now or cellar.**

1989

Deep ruby color.

Very complex and intense aromas of macerated cherries, dried fruit, and a touch of coffee.

Full bodied and rounded on the palate, with velvety tannins and a rich and powerful finish.

Wonderful aftertaste that shows quintessential fruit.

*A powerful and well-balanced vintage, very classical with memorable fruit.*

**Drink now or cellar.**

1991

Brick red color with orange tinges.

Pleasant nose showing tobacco, smoke, spices and a animal-like tone.

The mouth is tight and austere with a hint of carbonic gas

*A humble wine from a difficult vintage.*

**Should have been drunk.**

1992

Light ruby color with red brick overtones.

Very attractive and expressive nose with hints of fine leather, blond tobacco, and macerated fruit.

Round and tender on the palate.

Elegant balance with delicate tannins and pure freshness.

*Delicious vintage now at its prime.*

**Drink now.**

1993

Deep red color with red brick overtones.

Pleasant nose with aromas of macerated berry fruit, and a herbaceous touch.

The palate is delicate and fresh, with firm but pleasant tannins.

*An attractive wine with a slightly rough texture calling for winter cuisine.*

**Drink now or cellar.**

1994

Bright ruby color with deeper tinges.

Intense and elegant nose, showing cherries in alcohol, fine spices, and a touch of tanned leather.

The palate is rounded, with a wide range of flavors, fine tannins and great freshness.

The finish is long the cherry flavors persistent.

*This wine shows great finesse in an expressive style reminiscent of burgundy.*

**Drink now or cellar.**

1995

Deep ruby color with bright red tinges.

The nose is intense and complex, still a little austere but with great concentration.

It shows black fruits, cherries and olives, licorice and a hint of leather.

The mouth is round and fleshy, well structured.

The tannins are dense and still tight and the finish is powerful and long.

*This wine still requires a few years ageing, or decanting. But it should be fully open in 2007.*

**Cellar.**

1996

Deep ruby color with bright red tinges.

Intense nose of macerated red fruits, spices and leather.

The palate is supple and round, with a fresh but elegant finish, with a good fruit and 'garrigue' aftertaste.

*A very 'burgundian' vintage with a freshness that rounds out each year. Has a pure Provencal feel to it.*

**Drink now or cellar.**

1997

Light ruby color, with bright red tinges.

Expressive nose showing red fruit, berries and currants, lifted by a hint of spice and a herbal touch as the wine aerates.

Round and supple on the palate, with a pleasantly soft feel to the tannins.

*Great balance for a wine now fully open.*

**Drink now or cellar.**

1998

Dark ruby color, with bright red tinges.

Nose still a little closed before decanting, expressing quintessential fruit, macerated with spices.

The mouth is round, ripe and fleshy, and the generous finish ends with fine and velvety tannins.

*Great potential, but still a little closed.*

**Drink now or cellar.**

1999

Very deep purple color, with red tinges.

Intense and complex on the nose, with hints of leather, fur, black olives and spices.

The mouth is dense and supple, showing ripe dark fruit, velvety tannins and great structure.

The finish is long and mineral-like.

*Perfectly balanced wine, it is a classical Beaucastel, with great aging potential. Best kept for a little longer for connoisseurs.*

**Cellar until 2009.**

2000

Deep ruby color, with dark purple tinges, also shows considerable viscosity.

Intense aromas of black fruit, peppered meat, spices and a hint of barnyard.

The mouth is ample, ripe, supple and well balanced, with a black cherry after-taste.

It ends on a generous finish with elegant, structured and pleasant tannins.

*A wonderfully expressive Beaucastel that is showing well now.*

**Drink now or cellar.**