

CHÂTEAU BEAU-SÉJOUR BÉCOT

PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSÉ



SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU

Owners: Gérard, Dominique et Juliette Bécot



Located immediately west of the magical town of Saint-Émilion on the Saint-Martin de Mazerat limestone plateau, Beau-Séjour Bécot is in the heart of the appellation. The estate has been devoted to winemaking since the Gallo-Roman period. In 1787, General Jacques de Carles, wishing to commemorate for all time the pleasure that he enjoyed staying there, named the estate "Beau-Séjour" (meaning "lovely stay").

In 1969, Michel Bécot acquired the château and brought the area under vine up to 18.50 hectares thanks to the purchase of neighbouring vineyard plots with the same terroir. He also turned seven hectares of former underground limestone quarries into a storage cellar where tens of thousands of bottles age under ideal conditions. His work in improving and embellishing the estate went on until his retirement in 1985.

His two sons, Gérard and Dominique, have followed in their father's footsteps while introducing numerous technical innovations to both the cellars and the vineyard. Only the ripest, healthiest grapes are now harvested, and then sorted one by one. Gérard's daughter, Juliette, started working at the château in 2001 in order to market wines from the family estate.

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Area under vine	19.04 hectares
Production	60,000 bottles
Soil	clay and asteriated limestone
Grape varieties	70% Merlot, 24% Cabernet franc, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon
Barrel ageing	16-18 months - New barrels: 70-80%
Second wine	Tournelle de Beau-Séjour Bécot

Co-managers: Gérard Bécot - Dominique Bécot - Juliette Bécot

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