

Château des Capitans Juliénas

Press Highlights

2022

• 93 Pts. – James Suckling, April 8, 2024

"This Juliénas has a very appealing interplay of restrained tannins and red fruit character with a lot of subtle spicy and earthy nuances. Juicy on the front and middle of the medium-bodied palate, then the tannins build nicely at the long, moderately dry and lively finish. Drink or hold."

2021

• 93 Pts., Best Imports – Tasting Panel, October 2024

"This Cru Beaujolais, made from 100% old vine Gamay, was named after Julius Caesar. From its dark berry aromas to its dry, dusty mouthfeel, the in-between portion of this elegant red is noteworthy. Cherry pith and plum skin leave a dusty trail, with black pepper and dried heather savoriness. Fresh and vibrant, with gentle tannins and fine acidity. "

2020

• 92 Pts. – James Suckling, December 14, 2021

"A solid and compressed Beaujolais with cherry and ripe strawberry character, firm tannins and a medium finish. It's reserved now, but will open nicely with bottle age. Try it after 2023."

2019

• 93 Pts. – James Suckling, *April 23, 2021*

"Aromas of crushed cherries, pomegranate, red tea and some dried orange zest. Some vanilla, too. It's medium-bodied with tight, fine-grained tannins. Layered and flavorful. Drink or hold."

• 90 Pts. – Wine Spectator, November 15, 2021

"A sleek, light-to medium-bodied red, with light, chalky tannins well-meshed to flavors of crushed black cherry, blood orange peel and dried thyme, with a smoke-tinged, minerally underpinning. Drink now through 2024."

2018

• 92-93 Pts. – James Suckling, Feb. 18, 2019

"A very elegant and delicate Juliénas with raspberry, citrus and berry character. Medium body. Fresh and clean. Shows tannin and firmness at the end of the palate."

2017

• 93 Pts. James Suckling, Feb. 18, 2019

"This is a muscular red with sweet-berry character. Structured and powerful at the same time. Medium-to full-bodied, polished and driven. Impressive at the end. Excellent. Better than from barrel."

• 91 Pts. – Wine Enthusiast, March 2019

"One of the Duboeuf wines that is bottled at the estate, this is rich, spicy and full of ripe tannins. A dense black-fruit flavor suggests power which is accompanied by juicy acidity. Age this wine and drink from 2020.

• 91 Pts. James Suckling, December 21, 2018

"Aromas of wet earth and dried mushrooms with dark berries and hints of violets. Medium body, integrated tannins and a juicy, delicious finish. Very pretty. Direct and crisp style. Drink now."

• 90 Pts. – Wine & Spirits, *April 2019*

"Georges Duboeuf bottles this wine for Château des Capitans; it's a sweet and generous Juliénas, packed with wild-berry flavors and black-pepper scents. Its ripe fruit will match roast squab."