

CHÂTEAU LEROY-BEAUVAL

Year Founded: 2012

Region: Bordeaux, Saint-Sulpice-et-Cameyrac, France

Founders/Winemakers:
Stéphanie and Alexandre Leroy

Fun Fact: Château Leroy Beauval is also the headquarters of Sturgeon, the main French producer of caviar and its flagship brand Sturia.

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The history of this estate reaches back to the 17th century. With a new cellar and organic focus (the estate is in conversion), Leroy-Beauval vinifies each parcel of older vines separately to best express the region's impeccable terroir. While so much of Bordeaux is dominated by grand estates that demand equally grand prices, we cherish small estates that build on the traditions of the region, artisans who strive for wines that reflect the best of Bordeaux: rich ripe fruit, silky tannins, soulful spice. The estate farms a number of small parcels between the towns of Libourne and Bordeaux, mostly around the village of Saint-Sulpice-et-Cameyrac. Unique to the region, soils are a blend of clay and limestone, with pure solid limestone subsoils. Grapes are harvested by hand, and briefly cold macerated before fermenting on selected yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Wine is aged in new French oak barrels sourced from both Bordeaux and Burgundy coopers.



2019 Bordeaux Supérieur

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon. A special selection of older-vine parcels in the village of Saint-Sulpice-et-Cameyrac (between Bordeaux and Libourne), totaling just over six acres of land. Soils combine clay and limestone, over solid limestone subsoils. 35-year-old vines, on average. Destemmed; brief cold maceration; fermented on selected yeasts in temperature controlled, cement tanks. Aged for 10 months in new French oak barrels, from coopers in both Bordeaux and Burgundy. Pairs well with red meat or autumn stews; aged French cheeses.

92 Points – James Suckling – “Lots of ripe fruit for this appellation, but it’s still in-check, firm and bright. Medium-bodied with a solid core of clean fruit and a delicious finish.”

90 Points – Vinous – “The 2019 Leroy-Beauval turned out beautifully. Red fruit, cedar, leather, tobacco and dried herbs build nicely in a Merlot-based Bordeaux Supérieur built on texture and depth.”