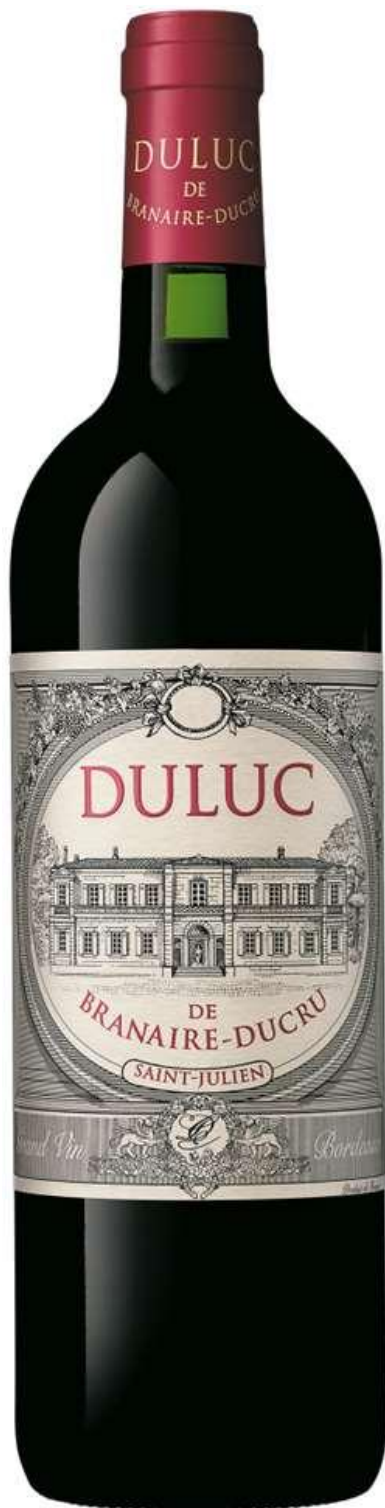




## Duluc de Branaire-Ducru Saint-Julien Rouge 2020

AOC Saint-Julien, Bordeaux, France



### PRESENTATION

Duluc de Branaire-Ducru 2020 is the Second Wine of Château Branaire-Ducru, 4th Great Classified Growth of Saint-Julien. Coming from a selection of plots and notably from young vines of the property, it benefits from the same care and precision as the Grand Vin.

### THE VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage delivers a wine that is both elegant, generous, and fresh, carried by a blend dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon. The nose precisely reveals aromas of black and red fruits, while the palate offers a nice volume, a structure that softens with aeration, and a persistent, fresh, and elegant finish.

### TERROIR

The Branaire-Ducru vineyard is made up of several distinct plots, but whose terroir remains homogeneous on a very beautiful crest of Beychevelle. The soil is mainly composed of quaternary gravelly-siliceous alluvium, laid on an alios base. The average age of the vineyard is 35 years. The grape varieties at Château Branaire-Ducru are 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 4% each of Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. The planting density is 8,000 vines/ha for a yield of 40hl/ha. Harvesting is done by hand with strict sorting in the vineyard and on tables. The farming method is conventional.

### WINEMAKING

Stainless steel tanks, thermoregulated in different sizes adapted to the vineyard plots. Tanks filled by gravity. First modern gravity-fed installation in Bordeaux in 1991. Everything is done, during vinification and aging, to express the potential of the grapes and therefore the terroir, in a wine where fruit, aromatic complexity go hand in hand with richness and balance, without overextraction or heaviness.

### AGEING

Aged in French oak barrels for 12 months.

### VARIETALS

Cabernet sauvignon 57%, Merlot 36%,  
Cabernet franc 5,50%, Petit verdot 1,50%

### TECHNICAL DATA

Yield: 41.00 hL/ha

### TASTING

The nose, pure and precise, quickly reveals itself upon aeration and offers a beautiful range of aromas of black and red fruits. The palate offers a nice volume that unfolds gently and ends with a beautiful aromatic freshness, very persistent. The structure, slightly tight at the beginning, quickly melds with aeration. The tasting ends with a beautiful elegant finish.

