

# Château Cap de Faugères 2010

CSPC# 756472

750mlx12

14.5% alc./vol.

## Grape Variety

85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

## Appellation

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

## General Info

Chateau Cap de Faugeres is owned by Silvio Denz and consulted by Stephan von Neipperg. It is located in Sainte-Colombe, Cote de Castillon and belongs to the portfolio of neighbouring Saint Emilion property Chateau Faugeres. In 1823 the family of Pierre-Bernard (Péby) Guisez acquired the château and their descendants Péby Guisez (the French film producer) and his wife Corinne took over the estate in 1987. They are responsible for the dynamic rise in the fortunes of the château and the superb quality of its wines. Sadly, Péby Guisez died suddenly at the age of 52 and Corinne poured her energies into their dream of raising Château Faugères to the ranks of a Saint Emilion Grand Cru.

Faugères was purchased in 2005 by Silvio Denz, a wine connoisseur and Swiss perfume entrepreneur. Denz's aim is to further enhance the capabilities of the wines over the coming years. Michel Rolland was retained as consultant oenologist and Denz also brought in his friend Stephan von Neipperg, the creator of La Mondotte and owner of *Chateaux Clos de L'Oratoire*, Canon La Gaffeliere, *d'Aguilhe* and *Peyrau*, as a vineyard consultant; the talented cellar master, Alain Dourthe, has stayed on. Denz has invested in the estate, increasing the acreage of vines and creating a new winery designed by world-famous Swiss architect Mario Botta.

## Vintage

The Côtes de Castillon Cap de Faugères, is the fourth wine of Chateau Faugeres. After a colder winter than the average and a cool, changeable spring, flowering occurred between 26 May and 16 June. Temperatures during July, August and September remain close to the seasonal average, with no extremes. As a result, ripening was relatively slow, commencing around 14 July at Cap de Faugères, which is close to the mean for the past five years. The main characteristic of the weather in 2010 was the absence of very hot temperatures and the coolness at night, especially in August. The water deficit, particularly during the late season, was the main reason for the low yield of this vintage. The water balance was similar to the levels recorded in 2005 and lower than in 2009. The vintage benefitted from a very low level of phytosanitary pressure thanks to the perfect weather conditions throughout the year.

## Vineyards

This Cotes de Castillon Bordeaux wine is a twenty-hectare vineyard planted at 6,600 vines/hectare and whose average age is 30 years. The Right Bank vineyard is planted to a varietal mix includes 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. The vines are planted on the limestone plateau and on clay and limestone hillsides, immediately adjacent to Saint-Etienne-de-Lisse in the eastern portion of St. Emilion.

## Harvest

Harvesting took place between 28 September and 9 October for the Merlot, finishing on 18 October for the Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon.

## Vinification/ Maturation

Wine making techniques at Chateau Cap de Faugeres include a five-day cold soak before the juice is carefully moved by gravity into stainless steel tanks. Next, the wine undergoes a 40-day cold maceration. Malolactic takes place in tank before the wine is moved from the barrel for an anticipated 12 months aging in French oak. Six different coopers are used. The blend is always close to the Bordeaux wine vineyards plantings of 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauv.

## Tasting Notes

The 2010 vintage is characterized by very intense colour and a rich range of aromas thanks to the wide day-night temperature variations. The 2010 Cap de Faugères wines have a solid tannic structure, with great elegance and vivacity. The finish is long, on lingering fruit notes.

## Cellaring

Drink now - 2020



**Scores/Awards** **90 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2013  
**89-92 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2011  
**89 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #205 - February 2013  
**90-92 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #194 - May 2011  
**92 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2013  
**87-90 points** - Stephen Tanzer, ST's International Wine Cellar - May/June 2011  
**16 points/3 stars** - Decanter.com - April 2011  
**84 points** - Jean Marc Quarin - March 2011 (no review)  
**90 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 22, 2013  
**Review Only** - Neil Mechanic, JJ Buckley Wines - April 2011

**Reviews** *"Plump and enticing, with a mouthwatering anise note that pulls you in quickly before delivering waves of blueberry, açai berry and plum fruit, followed by bouncy spice and floral notes that add lift and length to the finish. Drink now through 2015."*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"This has a fresh, invigorating feel, with bright acidity and floral notes cutting through the plum and black cherry fruit nicely. The finish is long and silky. Delicious. Score range: 89-92"*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"The 2010 Cap de Faugeres..... was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered by consultant Michel Rolland. It tips the scales at 14.5% alcohol and displays kirsch, black currant, licorice and smoky charcoal/barbecue notes. Medium to full-bodied, lush and very sexy already, this sleeper of the vintage is soft enough to be drunk now or can be cellared for up to a decade. Bravo!"*  
- RP, Wine Advocate

*"A big-time sleeper of the vintage, this 2010 reveals a dense ruby/purple color along with lots of black raspberry, black currant, toasty oak and smoke characteristics offered in a medium to full-bodied style that over-delivers for its humble appellation."*  
- RP, Wine Advocate

*"Elegant nose with loads of dark fruit, licorice and crushed chalk. Full-bodied and wonderfully textured on the palate with well-dosed fine tannins and attractive red fruit. Enjoyable long finish. Try in 2015."*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"Good, full ruby. Intense aromas of raspberry, graphite, exotic spices and vanilla. Soft and ripe in the mouth, but with good floral lift to the concentrated, ripe black fruit and chocolate flavors. Made in a rather powerful style, but a bit blurry on the back end from the alcohol and the oak. The broad, moderately long finish shows considerable tannins and a hint of dark chocolate."*  
- ST, International Wine Cellar

*"Hallmark deep colour and succulent fruit. Very ripe but fresh acidity for balance. Well-made modern style. Drink 2014-2020."*  
- Decanter.com

*"This medium/full bodied wine offers abundant fresh, sweet black cherry and chocolate notes in a lush crowd-pleasing style that will drink well on release for a fair price. As 10,000 cases are produced, this will also be easy to find. 89-91 Pts"*  
- JL, the winecellarinsider.com

*"... Five coopers are used: 40% Taransaud, 15% Vicard, 15% Saury, 15% Berthomieu and 15% Nadalié. Alcohol at 14.5%. Cranberry and cherry pop out of the glass, followed by aromas of cola, cocoa powder, and soy. Blueberry and kirsch appear on the palate with pepper and cedar spice, framed by olive and licorice, with sage and rosemary picking up on the lingering finish. The mouthfeel is generous and expansive. Drink 2015 to 2020."*  
- NM, JJ Buckley Wines

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