

# Château Cap de Faugères 2012

CSPC# 756472

750mlx12

14.0% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Appellation</b>	Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.chateau-cap-de-faugeres.com/chateau-appellation-castillon-cotes-de-bordeaux-en/silvio-denz-chateau-cotes-de-castillon-wine-cotes-de-castillon.htm">http://www.chateau-cap-de-faugeres.com/chateau-appellation-castillon-cotes-de-bordeaux-en/silvio-denz-chateau-cotes-de-castillon-wine-cotes-de-castillon.htm</a>
<b>General Info</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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 <i>Chateaux Clos de L'Oratoire</i>, Canon La Gaffeliere, <i>d'Aguilhe</i> and <i>Peyrau</i>, 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. The Côtes de Castillon Cap de Faugères, is the fourth wine of Chateau Faugeres.</p>
<b>Vintage</b>	<p>After the very cold and dry winter of 2011–2012, bud break lasted throughout April. The rains of April and May, coupled with mild temperatures, resulted in significant mineralization and strong vegetative growth of the vines. Flowering was late (29 May) and drawn out, with a delicate fruit set. The old Merlot plants have at times seen yields reduced due to coulure (shatter, a failure of the fruit to set) or millerandage (shot grapes, incomplete development).</p> <p>There was settled summer weather from 15 July, with the hottest August since 2003, allowing partial recovery of the growth cycle. From mid-July onwards, 2012 was one of the driest vintages of recent years (along with 2005, 2009 and 2010), resulting in a significant water deficit (120mm lower than the thirty-year average). Ripening in early August was prolonged, with peaks of temperature from July to September and reduced rainfall. The biggest daily temperature difference recorded was 12.9°C, the highest in eight years, favoring a high level of anthocyanins and aromatic intensity. September and October were mild, close to the seasonal norm (27–28°C on 5 October).</p>
<b>Vineyards</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Harvest</b>	<p>Harvesting for the red wines took only nine days, from 8 to 16 October. Yields: 26 hl/ha for the reds. These low yields are attributable to the delicate flowering, notably on the older vines, and the high incidence of disease. The weight of the fruit was low to medium (&lt;1.6g per Merlot grape) owing to the low number of seeds (about 1.5 per grape) resulting in great concentration of the juice.</p>



<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	The winery at Château Cap de Faugères is the work of internationally renowned architects Jean de Gastines and Patrick Dillon. It consists of 30 temperature-controlled stainless-steel conical vats and 6 wooden vats, each of 50 hl capacity, used for the vinification processes. They are then matured in small oak barriques (50% new) for 12 months.
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Deep colour with a purple tinge, beautifully smooth tanins. Great aromatic intensity in the bouquet and on the palate, with notes of fresh red berries. Fresh and flavourful finish.
<b>Production</b>	7,500 cases made.
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2015 - 2025
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>87 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2015</p> <p><b>88-91 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2013</p> <p><b>87 points</b> - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #218 - April 2015</p> <p><b>88-90 points</b> - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #206 - April 2013</p> <p><b>87-88 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2013 (score only)</p> <p><b>88 points</b> - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - December 31, 2014</p> <p><b>15.5 points</b> - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2013 (score only)</p> <p><b>15.5 points</b> - James Lawther, Decanter.com - April 2013</p> <p><b>86 points</b> - Jean Marc Quarin - March 2013 (score only)</p> <p><b>89 points</b> - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (score only)</p> <p><b>86-88 points</b> - Jeremy Williams, winewordsandvideotape.com - April 2013</p> <p><b>85 points</b> - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com - April 2013</p> <p><b>15.5 points</b> - Gault &amp; Millau (score only)</p> <p><b>15 points</b> - Bettane &amp; Desseauve (score only)</p>
<b>Reviews</b>	<p><i>"Raspberry coulis and damson plum notes give this a racy, red fruit-edged profile, while hints of singed cedar and tobacco line the slightly taut finish. Drink now. 7,500 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Features a solid core of plum, licorice and sweet toast. A Direct style."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"An attractive, elegant dark ruby/purple wine with notes of blackberry, black cherry and a touch of new oak, this 2012 Cap de Faugeres is spicy, medium-bodied, and nicely concentrated, with enticing texture. Drink it over the next 5-10 years."</i> - RP, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Its dense purple color is followed by notes of blueberries, charcoal, camphor, incense and toasty oak. Rich, medium to full-bodied, pure and well-balanced, it should drink well for 7-8 years. (...) the 2012 Cap de Faugeres is from the owner of Lalique crystal and other luxury brands, Silvio Denz. The consultant is Michel Rolland, which is reflected in the wine's impeccable quality. It is composed of 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon from a beautifully situated 75-acre vineyard in the Cotes de Castillon. Yields were a low 25 hectoliters per hectare and the wine is a sleeper of the vintage."</i> - RP, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Ripe and fruity, this is a soft wine with attractive red fruits. With balanced acidity, it is round and fresh, with enough tannins to give support. Aged in one- and two-year-old barrels, it is quite ready to drink with a bright, red berry aftertaste. Consultant Michel Rolland works with Silvio Denz, who owns several Saint-Émilion-area properties and is a négociant elsewhere in Europe."</i> - RV, Wine Enthusiast</p> <p><i>"Ripe spectrum. Dark, jammy fruit on the nose but not overripe. Sweet attack then cool, mineral finish."</i> - JL, Decanter.com</p> <p><i>"Deep saturated look; very ripe Merlot, fatness; ripe some jam. Fat palate with lots of fruit not over extracted but a little one-dimensional. Nevertheless, chewy and gutsy. 86-88 Tasted at the Cercle de Rive Droite, Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013"</i> - JW, winewordsandvideotape.com</p>

**Reviews** *“This plummy, juicy wine is simple and approachable young. The consultant winemaker is Michel Rolland and as expected, the wines show balance and good ripeness. Tasted in: Bordeaux, France. Maturity: Drink.”*  
- JCL, [asianpalate.com](http://asianpalate.com)

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