

Château Cap de Faugères 2020

CSPC# 756472

750mlx12

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc

Appellation

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

Website

<https://www.vignobles-silvio-denz.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Chateau-Cap-De-Faugeres-Tasting-Notes-2020.pdf>

Sustainability

High Environmental Value level 3 certification

General Info

Chateau Cap de Faugères 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 Faugères. 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'Aiguilhe* 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.

The Côtes de Castillon Cap de Faugères is the fourth wine of Chateau Faugères.

Winemakers

Consultant oenologist: Michel Rolland

Vintage

A particularly rainy winter preceded a very mild spring, favoring strong mildew pressure. Thanks to the dry and hot conditions of mid-May, flowering was homogeneous and early. From June 19, the precipitation gives way to dry, cool weather until mid-July, which marks the start of veraison. Strong peaks of heat are recorded until mid-August when saving storms allow to restart the maturity of the grapes. The grapes harvested ten days ahead of average are tannic, colorful, and perfectly balanced.

Vineyards

The 46 hectares of Château Cap de Faugères vineyards, of which 34 hectares are in production, are planted on clay-limestone soils similar to those of Saint-Émilion. The vineyard is managed in sustainable agriculture. 20 hectares, planted on a clay-limestone slope bordering St.-Émilion.

Harvest

Small yields: about 45 hectoliters per plot, rigorous selection of berries

Vinification/

Maturation

Vinification in stainless steel tanks preserves freshness and elegance. Fermentation for 25 days in stainless steel vats, as well as aging for 15 months.

Maturation: 12 to 14 months, 60% in second-fill barrels, 40% in third-fill barrels, no fining.

Tasting Notes

Château Cap de Faugères 2020 seduces with its fruitiness, its aromatic richness, and its delicacy. The nose is fruity with lovely notes of dark berries and wild fruit. The palate is smooth, fruity, and balanced with notes of blackcurrant, dark berries, and hints of cardamom and tonka beans.

Serve with

Chateau Cap de Faugères is best paired with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes. Chateau Cap de Faugères is also good when matched with Asian dishes, and hearty fish courses like tuna, mushrooms, and pasta.

Production

120,000 bottles made

Cellaring

Drink 2023 - 2033

Scores/Awards

92 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, *The Wine Independent* - March 2023

91-92 points - James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com* - May 2021

90 points - Jane Anson, *Decanter.com* - May 2021

91 points - Jeff Leve, *thewinecellarinsider.com* - March 2023



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86 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (score only) - April 2021
91-93 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - May 2021
83 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - April 2021
90-92 points - Yves Beck - April 2021
90 points - Vert de Vin - May 2021

Reviews *"The 2020 Cap de Faugères is medium to deep garnet-purple in color. It needs a fair bit of swirling to dispel broody notes of tar and damp soil and to bring out a fragrant core of kirsch, black raspberries, and Boysenberries, leading to wafts of roses and cinnamon stick. The medium to full-bodied palate is coated with bright, crunchy black and red fruit, supported by fine-grained tannins and a lively line, finishing with a skip in its step."*
- LPB, *Wine Independent*

"A medium-bodied red with plum and berry. Soft and refined with nice, ripe, and creamy tannins. Very polished."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Austere kicks to the tannins but it is enjoyable, with plum and sage flavours that come in waves through the palate. Pretty subdued overall but enjoyable. Owned by Silvio Denz."
- JA, Decanter.com

"Medium-bodied, round, lush and forward, with a dusty-textured, chocolate, and plum core of ripe, sweet fruits, polished tannins, and a touch of spicy, espresso in the finish. Drink from 2023-2035."
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"Dark in color, the wine offers an array of scents, featuring black cherry liqueur, olives, licorice, and coffee bean. Lush, round, rich and fruity, the finish packs in a lot of sweet, ripe, dark red pit fruits and chocolate."
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"Always a smoking wine (as well as a hard to beat value), the 2020 Château Cap De Faugères boasts a deep purple hue as well as lots of cassis and blueberry fruits interwoven with notes of violets, white flowers, and chocolatey oak. Drink this medium to full-bodied, plush, sexy, fruit-loaded rock star of a Castillon over the coming decade."
- Jeb Dunnuck

"The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine grain, a fine power as well as a certain concentration. It reveals notes of bright blueberry, raspberry, small notes of cornflower, small red fruits associated with touches of fresh liquorish, star anis and a discreet hint of spices. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition, a certain gourmandize, a small tension as well as a fine straightness, juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy raspberry, fresh/bright blueberry, small notes of purple plum associated with touches of small red currants as well as hints of violet, star anis, fine hints of saffron and chocolate. Good length. The tannins offer fine mellow."
- Vert de Vin

"A year of challenge for the technical staff of Faugères. There were a few thunderstorms and hail then the spring was very wet. The Cap de Faugères bouquet is marked by blackcurrant notes and chalky undertones. In the mouth the wine has juice, fat, and lively, tight tannins. The structure ensures liveliness and supports expression aromatic until the finish. 2023-2033"
- Yves Beck
