
Château Cote Montpezat Cuvee Compostelle 2009

CSPC# 749545

750mlx12

14.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot

Appellation

Cotes de Castillon

General Info

Bought back in 1989, the Château Côte Montpezat is situated in Belvès de Castillon on the appellation of controlled origin Côtes de Castillon. The estate has been owned by Dominique Bessineau since 1989.

This wine is named after an old legend which says that those who listen closely inside the well at Château Côte Montpezat can hear the pilgrims of Saint Jacques de Compostelle. When crossing the grounds of this château, these pilgrims quenched their thirst in the well, and an ancient document of the XVII century attests this stopover.

Vineyards

Usually aged from 27 to 30 years, on a clay and limestone earth and fully exposed to the southern sun, the vineyard is 30 hectares in size and is composed of a 70 % Merlot variety, 20 % Cabernet Franc and 10 % Cabernet Sauvignon. 40 Kms to the East of Bordeaux, in the prolonged area of the appellation Saint-Emilion. Here one will find the appellations Puisseguin Saint-Emilion and Côtes de Castillon. It is on this limestone and clay earth that are born the great wines we provide.

Harvest

100 % handpicked. Average yield: 49 hls / hectare

Maturation

12 months in barrels renewed by a third each year.

Tasting Notes

The nose is very attractive with nice complexity and layers of aromas with nicely integrated oak scents underneath. The palate mirrors what the bouquet offers up showing some juicy oak and very fine tannins. This is a very complete, harmonious wine at this point and quite hard to resist. Another great wine from Stephane Derenoncourt who was in top form with his 2009s.

Production

3,750 cases made

Cellaring

Drink 2012-2016

Scores/Awards

89 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2012

91-94 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2010

87 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #199 - February 2012

87-88 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #188- April 2010

Reviews

"This sports a ripe, direct beam of plum cake and fig sauce backed by lively tobacco and toasty spice notes that linger easily through the finish. Drink now through 2013. 3,750 cases made"

- JM, Wine Spectator

"Beautiful nose of crushed blueberries and raspberries. Full-bodied, with soft and velvety tannins and lots of pretty fruit. Score range: 91-94"

- JS, Wine Spectator

"This relatively fat, fruit-laden, heady wine possesses low acidity and notes of ripe blackberries and cassis. An endearing, overtly modern styled red, it is meant to be drunk in its first 3-4 years of life."

- RP, Wine Advocate

"This dark ruby/plum-hued, soft, seductive, round effort reveals lots of purity along with sweet cherry and mulberry fruit, and a medium-bodied, easy-going finish. Drink it over the next 2-3 years. (Tasted once.)"

- RP, Wine Advocate

