

Château Gaby 2010

CSPC# 749554

750mlx12

14.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Appellation

Canon-Fronsac

General Info

The Château du Gaby belonged to the family of Boussiron for over 250 years until 1999 when the area is taken up by Antoine Khayat, who built a new winery, buy additional plots and fully renovated the vineyard and castle. In December 2006, the Canadian David Curl, takes over following a real favorite while visiting the region. The Castle, the exceptional situation, a quality wine and already undergoing a revival, everything is there! David even bought a few acres to get the 16.39 hectares vineyard and therefore with a new and young team in place an ambitious program of investment and rehabilitation is undertaken at all levels with the intention of making Castle Gaby, a reference to the Right Bank. Castle Gaby is now part of a group of five winemakers who created "Expression de Fronsac," whose goal is to raise each of their wines to the top of the hierarchy of the great wines of the right bank of Bordeaux. David Curl also owns Château Moya is located in the Côtes de Castillon, on the heights of Sainte-Colombe.

Just 40km north-east of Bordeaux, Canon Fronsac is located near the picturesque market town of Libourne. Canon Fronsac is also just 15km from its famous neighbours - St Emilion and Pomerol - and is geologically a continuation of the St-Emilion cote or hillside.

Our wines are known for their finesse, concentration and excellent balance of acidity and tannin. While our wines age beautifully over 5-20 years, for those without the patience to wait, they typically begin to show their great charm after 3-4 years.

The climatic conditions of each individual vintage impacts on the final wine although all our wines display the trademark Gaby elegance and finesse.

Vineyards

The vineyards of Château de Gaby, an area of 16.39 ha is placed on a clay-limestone soil on slopes, predominantly clay. The vines are 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc. The average age of the vines is 30 to 35 years, despite a significant replanting policy. The size of the vine is mixed Guyot, to maximize the potential and the balance of the vine. The vineyard is in a reasoned, approach is to use pesticides according to climatic conditions. The yield at the Domaine de Gaby is 38 to 40hl/ha

Vinification/ Maturation

At Chateau du Gaby all our vines are cultivated without recourse to weed killers and only organic fertilisers are used. We have adopted a policy of "lutte raisonnée" or "controlled treatment" to ensure minimum interference with the vines when protecting them from pests and diseases. To produce the finest quality wines, we maintain low yields which are achieved through both winter and summer pruning, bud discard and leaf thinning.

After manual harvest in basket, grapes will be sorted once bay by bay. Stalking is mechanical. The grapes then pass on a vibrating table for a final sorting.

Fermentation takes place in concrete tanks coated with epoxy thermo. The wine then ages in oak barrels (55% new oak, 45% 1-2 yr old barrels) for 12 to 16 months depending on the vintage.

Tasting Notes

The Château de Gaby show a nose of black fruit, nutmeg and black tea. A vibrant palate with firm tannins and tight. Spherical, fleshy and full-bodied, with exuberant fruit (cherry, fine spices). Final finesse, with a nice balance.

Production

45,000 bottles made

Cellaring

Drink 2013-2019

Scores/Awards

90-93 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2011

85 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #205 - February 2013

87-89 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #194 - May 2011



Scores/Awards **84-86 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - May 2011

86 points - Jean Marc Quarin - March 2011 (Score Only)

15.5 points - Stephen Spurrier, Decanter.com - April 2011

Reviews *"Still very primal, but enticing, with sappy raspberry, sweet spice, melted licorice and linzer torte notes that have yet to stretch out fully. There's racy acidity as well, so this should knit nicely. Score range: 90-93"*
- JM, Wine Spectator

"A pleasant, fruity blend dominated by Merlot, this wine has good concentration, an attractive texture, subtle oak and a nice, earthy, red and black fruit tasting spectrum. Drink it over the next 5-6 years."

- RP, Wine Advocate

"One of the finest examples of Gaby I have ever tasted, the 2010 is loaded with crushed rock, spring flower and black currant characteristics presented in a medium-bodied, structured, sweet, round, savory format. The wine's purity, richness of fruit and overall character suggest drinking it over the next decade."

- RP, Wine Advocate

"This was the remnants of a bottle that is showing some sur-maturite on the nose. The palate is full-bodied with low acidity, plush dark berried fruits with hints of mocha and spice, but missing freshness and delineation on the over-egged finish."

- NM, Wine Journal

"Rich, firm extract. Plenty of substance. Oak abrasive at the tasting but should settle. Perceptible acidity. Solid structure. Drink 2015-2024. (15.5 points)"

- SS, Decanter.com
