

Château Vrai Canon Bouché 2009

CSPC# 749563

750mlx12

14.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

98% Merlot, 2% Malbec

Appellation

Canon-Fronsac

General Info

This 12 hectare Bordeaux wine vineyard of Vrai Canon Bouche has been on a roll since the 2003 vintage. Located west of Pomerol in the Canon Fronsac appellation, Chateau Vrai Canon Bouche earns the last part of its name from a former owner, Edgard Bouche. This Right Bank property was acquired by the Roux family, in 1953. In 2005, it was sold to Philip de Haseth Moller - a Dutch businessman, specializing in real estate business in Amsterdam. Epicurean, cultivated a passion for art and antiques, it is also of great wines.

The team at Vrai Canon Bouché is led by Jean de Laitre, with the support of Stéphane Derenoncourt. This combination is good because the last few vintages have undoubtedly raised the standard of wine produced at this Chateau.

Vineyards

Planted at 6,600 vines per hectare in siliceous, limestone soils on the top of the Canon plateau, the average age of the vines at Vrai Canon Bouche is close to 25 years. The 12 hectares at Vrai Canon Bouche is planted to 83% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Malbec. Sustainable viticulture is practiced as one would expect in a property consulted by Stéphane Derenoncourt. The soils of Vrai Canon Bouche are worked mechanically; deleafing and crop thinning are carried out as necessary.

Harvest

The harvest is entirely manual in crates,

Vinification/

The hand harvested fruit is fermented in cement tanks with a thirty-day maceration.

Maturation

Malolactic fermentation and aging on its lees for first six months in barrel with stirring for two months is part of the attention to detail shown in the wine making at the estate. Vrai Canon Bouche is aged in in 70% new oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

From a blend 98% Merlot and the remainder made from Malbec, this licorice, truffle, blackberry jam filled wine offers supple textures and an appealing black and red fruit finish. This is another outstanding value Bordeaux wine from 2009 made with the help of Stéphane Derenoncourt and his able team.

Production

1,665 cases made

Cellaring

Drink now - 2017

Scores/Awards

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

85-88 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2010

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

91-93* points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #188- April 2010

89 points - Stephen Tanzer, ST's International Wine Cellar - July 2012

17 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 20, 2010

83 points - Jean Marc Quarin - March 2010

Reviews

"A very lush, flattering style, offering anise-framed plum and fig sauce flavors laced liberally with toasty spice and fruitcake notes, with a broad, toasty finish. A bit obvious but will have some fans. Drink now through 2017. 1,665 cases made."

- JM, Wine Spectator

"Currant and spices on the nose and palate. Medium-bodied, but with a slightly lean finish. Score range: 85-88"

- JS, Wine Spectator



Reviews *“A big, sweet, ripe nose of raspberry jam interwoven with white flowers, blueberries, kirsch and some subtle oak and camphor is followed by an intensely concentrated yet silky textured, full-bodied, opaque purple wine that should drink well for 10-15 years, possibly longer. This is one of the sleepers of the vintage. This 30-acre vineyard has been doing some marvelous work over the last decade, and the Dutch owners had the foresight to bring in the most fashionable winemaking consultant of the moment, Stephane Derenoncourt. This blend of 95% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Malbec hit 14.5% natural alcohol and was bottled unfinned and unfiltered. Yields were a meager 20 hectoliters per hectare.”*
- RP, Wine Advocate

“One of the stars of Canon-Fronsac, this 30-acre vineyard is making some great wine, and the 2009 appears to be the finest they have yet produced. The Dutch owners brought in Stephane Derenoncourt as consultant, and the 2009 (98% Merlot and 2% Malbec) tips the scales at 14.5% natural alcohol. Full-bodied with an inky/blue/purple color it represents the essence of blackberries, black raspberries, cassis, licorice, crushed rocks, and subtle oak. The high alcohol and all evidence of oak aging are completely buried under the sheer concentration (in this case coming from low yields of 20 hectoliters per hectare). A big-time sleeper of the vintage, it should age effortlessly for 25-30 years. (Tasted two times.)”
- RP, Wine Advocate

“Saturated red-ruby. Very ripe aromas of plum, licorice and roasted herbs; slightly jammy. A plush, chunky fruit bomb with concentrated, slightly roasted dark berry and chocolate flavors. A bit exotic in a 2009 way. I'd drink this fat, sweet wine over the next several years.”
- ST, International Wine Cellar
