

Château De Camensac 2012

CSPC# 742336

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	50% Merlot, 50% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	Haut Médoc
Classification	5 th Grand Cru Classe in 1855
Website	http://www.chateaucamensac.com
General Info	The Castle is located in Saint Laurent Medoc in the heart of Haut-Medoc, alongside the best wines of St. Julien. Chateau de Camensac is perhaps, one of the more obscure, 1855 Classified Growths. It was purchased by the Forner family in 1965. The Forner family first became active in wine making in Spain where they own the popular, Marques de Caceres winery. Marques de Caceres is located in the Rioja appellation. The estate produces a second wine, La Closerie de Camensac & le Bailly de Camensac. Michel Rolland consults the wine making for Camensac.
Vintage	The 2012 vintage has been affected by a complicated blossoming due to a late winter which carried on until May. The summery drought that followed blocked the ripening of the grapes. At last, September has been a very rainy month, which has delayed the grape-harvest in many properties. Despite these negative meteorological events, the 2012 vintage seems to be quite fine. If its structure is less pronounced than the 2010 and the 2011, the 2012 is full of fruits and freshness and the wines are to be drunk quickly, for an immediate pleasure.
Vineyards	Chateau de Camensac is situated slightly past the St. Julien appellation. They are not far from Beychevelle . The vineyard covers 75 hectares of beautifully gravelly hillsides. A yield voluntarily limited, there are the most attentive care made to the culture until the time carefully weighed, when the harvest begins performed mainly by hand. The vineyard is planted to 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot on a gravel based terroir. The vineyard is planted at a very dense 10,000 vines per hectare. The vines are on average, 35 years of age.
Maturation	The vinification takes place in stainless steel vats. Malolactic fermentation is performed in barrel. The wines are aged for 17 to 20 months in new, French oak barrels that range from 35-70% new, depending on the character of vintage.
Tasting Notes	The color is maroon, dark and shiny. The nose is clear with great righteousness. Prior to agitation, fresh pink, cherry and black pepper are expressed. After stirring the wine, the aromas are strengthened significantly. The palate is creamy and stands on a silky frame. The finish is very persistent and tasty. Wait till 2017 before serving. Its aging potential allows to wait until 2022 or so.
Cellaring	Drink 2015-2025
Scores/Awards	84-87 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2013 86 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #218 - April 2015 83-85 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #206 - April 2013 86-88 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - May 2013 89-91 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - April 2013 16 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2013 16.5 points - Steven Spurrier, Decanter.com - April 2013 82 points - Jane Anson, The New Bordeaux - April 2013 88 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (score only) 86 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) 84 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 11, 2015 83-86 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 23, 2013 86-88+ points - Jeremy Williams, winewordsandvideotape.com - April 2013 81 points - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com - April 2013 91-93 points - Gilbert & Gaillard - April 16, 2013 85-87 points - Falstaff Magazine (score only)



Scores/Awards **16.3 points** - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only)

15 points - Gault & Millau (score only)

15 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only)

15 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only)

Reviews *"An austere style, with red currant and chalk notes. A floral edge hangs on the taut finish. Score range: 84-87 "*
- JM, Wine Spectator

"Deep ruby/purple with firm tannins and a nice meaty, spiciness, this wine shows slight narrowness and astringency, but it is well-made and certainly above-average. Drink it over the next decade."

- RP, Wine Advocate

"Narrowly constructed as well as short and herbal, this medium-bodied wine reveals decent black cherry and berry fruit as well as a dusty, earthy herbaceous character."

- RP, Wine Advocate

"The Camensac has a well-defined bouquet with light raspberry, fresh strawberry and cedar aromas. The oak is judiciously applied. The palate is medium bodied with quite dry, slightly obtrusive tannins at this stage. It feels firm and masculine in the mouth with strong undergrowth and tobacco notes towards the finish. This is a decent Claret destined for drinking within its first ten years. Tasted April 2013."

- NM, Wine Journal

"89-91. Barrel sample. This is a concentrated wine that's very full in the mouth and shows its structure right up front. It has acidity and some juiciness, but the fruit is still very suppressed by the dryness. "

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"Well-expressed spicy cassis fruit, quite polished and elegant with good tannins for the future."

- SS, Decanter.com

"Bright rim, ruby red-purple overall, not the highest extraction. And here's why when you get to the palate, green stalky tannins, undercooked. They clearly have tried to hold off from extracting too much but couldn't avoid these telltale signs. Can't see this improving over ageing, just not enough basic fruit to play with. 82 / 14.75. Fair. Drink 2015-2020."

- JA, The New Bordeaux

"Light in color, medium bodied, slightly tart red fruits and short, cranberry finish. The wine was produced from a blend of 50% Merlot and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon."

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"Light in color, medium boded, red berry dominated wine, with a lean, bright finish. 83-86 Pts"

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"Mid depth; more Cabernet freshness on the nose; some earthy notes and blackcurrants; fresh blackcurrants on the palate, little sappy with grip as you'd expect from this estate; earthy blackcurrant flavours on the palate. 50% Merlot, 50% Cabernet Sauvignon. UGC Tuesday April 9, 2012 86-88+"

- JW, winewordsandvideotape.com

"Classic Haut-Medoc with firm tannins and cassis notes. A little green and vegetal in the finish. Enjoy young. This chateau is owned by the same family as Chasse Spleen. Tasted in Bordeaux, France. Maturity: Young. (07-Apr-2013)"

- JCL, asianpalate.com

"Honest, endearing nose showing lovely focused fruit. Well-balanced, harmonious and sappy palate showing fruit and freshness. Very successful. (16-Apr-2013)"

- en.gilbertgaillard.com
