

Château Paloumey 2010

CSPC# 756598

750mlx12

13.7% alc./vol.

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Grape Variety

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot

Appellation

Haut Medoc

General Info

Château Paloumey was highly reputed in the 19th century but its fortunes took a severe dip in the mid 20th century with no wine being produced and its vineyards being uprooted. It was acquired by Martine Cazeneuve in 1990, and she has managed to revitalize the property in a remarkably short time.

Vintage

A slight delay of budburst and flowering was the consequence of 2010 harsh winter and spring months alternating between rain, dryness and freshness. Late June heavy showers unfortunately provoked flower abortion and millerandage in some Merlot plots. The summer weather which followed (heat, dryness and generous sunshine periods) combined with some water stress allowed an excellent maturation of grapes. Favorable variations between warm days and cool nights early September created optimal conditions for the upcoming 2010 harvest. Berries are small and concentrated, tannins ripe and colors dark and intense: this new vintage is ideally balanced in many respects. Small yields are the only drawback!

Vineyards

Paloumey's 18 hectares of vineyards lie adjacent to those of Giscours and La Lagune. They are planted with Cabernet Sauvignon (55%), Merlot (40%) and Cabernet Franc (5%). Nowadays attention to detail is paramount, for instance careful ploughing in the vineyards to avoid grass springing up and cutting out rootlets to allow the principal roots to delve deeper are just two examples of how a young, diligent team are successfully producing elegant, smooth wines true to the property's terroir. Yield 35,4 hl/ha

Harvest

Merlot: September 28th - October 6th

Cabernet Sauvignon: October 7th - October 16th

Vinification/

Maturation

Vinification Plot by plot. Temperature controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Post fermentation maceration between 25- and 30-days Malolactic fermentation of the free-run juice in oak barrels after drainage. All press cuts are kept separately in barrels during a period of 10 days in order to refine the selection. 12 months in oak casks. 90% French oak 10% American oak medium toasted 30% new oak. Fining With egg albumin after final blending. No filtering before bottling

Tasting Notes

Deep purple, rich, shimmering in jewels. The bouquet begins with a fine smoky note before an avalanche of black berry - like a bush blueberry - and almost delicate affinity with Shiraz. Density on the palate, dense frame already very flattering concentrated extract, long finish, with aromas of licorice and especially black berries.

Production

110,000 bottles made

Cellaring

Drink 2013-2021

Scores/Awards

91 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2013

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

85 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - November 2012

85-87 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - May 2011

94 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - Web Only 2012

92 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - February 1, 2013

86-88 points - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (no review)

16.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - October 2012

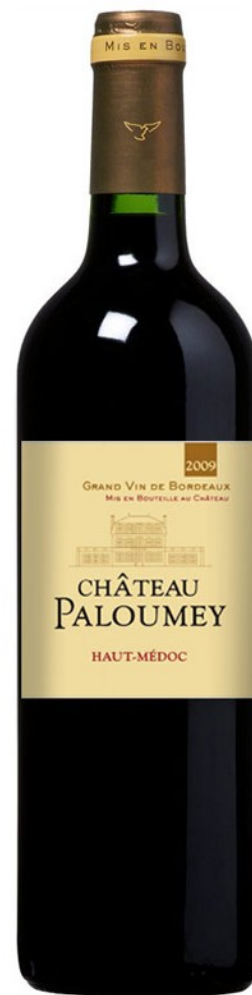
16 points - Chris Kissack, The Wine Doctor - September 2012

86 points - Jean Marc Quarin (no review)

16 points - Decanter.com - April 2011

16.75 points - Decanter.com - January 2013

83-84 points - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com



Reviews

“Dark, grippy and very tarry, with lots of pebbly tannins driving underneath the layers of boysenberry, steeped fig and blackberry fruit. Ample baker's chocolate and dark tobacco fill in the remaining space. This will need a little cellaring to round into form, but remains a very solid, muscular version. Best from 2015 through 2022. 9,100 cases made.”

- JM, Wine Spectator

“A delicious blend of two grapes, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot (probably more of the former than the latter based on the way it tastes), this wine is a classic Bordeaux. Characteristics such as cedar wood, tobacco leaf, red and black currants and a touch of licorice can be found in its medium-bodied, easygoing, supple texture and surprisingly good depth. Drink it over the next 7-8 years.

A member of the Alliance des Cru Bourgeois du Medoc.”

- RP, Wine Advocate

“Tasted at the Crus Bourgeois 2010 tasting in London. The nose is crisp and well defined with notes of blackberry, briary and melted tar, although it needs a little more definition. The palate is nicely balanced with pastille-like black fruit on the entry and then a solid, well-balanced finish with fine grip, but not much in the way of complexity. Drink now-2018. Tasted September 2012.”

- NM, Wine Journal

“The Paloumey 2010 has good ripeness on the nose with touches of plum, honey and cassis. The palate is full-bodied with dense, chewy tannins, but is showing a little dryness towards the finish. Tasted April 2011.”

- NM, Wine Journal

“Notes de chocolat et de framboises en bouche avec une pointe de fût de chêne. Moyennement corsé sur une finale aux tannins fondus. Translate: Notes of chocolate and raspberry in mouth with a hint of oak. Medium-bodied tannins on a final melted.”

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

“This big, concentrated effort is currently closed, but it's already hinting at ripe black fruits, solid tannins and a long future. On the finish, acidity and a black currant note give the wine a final lift. Keep this for at least five years.”

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

“Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon. Very dark purple. Scented. Lots of fruit and intensity without extraneous sweetness. What's not to like? Quite racy.”

- JR, JancisRobinson.com

“A dark hue with some slight evolution. The nose here is very convincing, with slightly creamy and nicely composed fruit, giving the wine an elegant but confident character, And on the palate the wine is also very stylish here, soft and supple and well integrated, the very soft fruit nicely defined and rather fresh. This is an admirable and approachable wine. 16/20”

- CK, The Wine Doctor

“Good depth of Cabernet fruit and quite a bit of class, well-made and good future. Drink 2014-20. (16 points)”

- Decanter.com

“Sweet, intense oaky nose, blackcurrants and some menthol. Crunchy, ripe red berry fruits and fresh acidity on the palate which has purity and a long finish.”

- Decanter.com

“This wine has a unique roasted coffee note with plenty of plummy flavours alongside it. The palate falls short of its aroma and the finish is fairly short.”

- Jeannie Cho Lee MW asianpalate.com
