

# Château Sénéjac 2010

CSPC# 756500

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

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**Grape Variety**  
**Appellation**  
**General Info**

48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot  
Haut Medoc

Ch. Sénéjac is one of the better known Crus Bourgeois of the Haut-Médoc, located near to the vineyards of Margaux, just outside Parempuyre in the far south of the Haut-Médoc region. Sénéjac is a historic estate of 150 hectares, of which only 38 are under vine, and even in the middle of the 19th century produced 100,000 bottles, not far short of its modern-day total. It's reputation for making high quality wine blossomed in the 1980s and then in 1999 it entered a new era when it was bought by Lorraine Cordier, whose family also owned the famous St Julien property, Chateau Talbot. Recently the estate has changed hands and is now owned by Monsieur Rutsman.

**Vintage**

Another great vintage in 2010 which in part has to do with conditions – a mix of factors such as a wet winter and spring helped the vines manage a dry summer, along with classically typical cool nights and warm days that were responsible for a great level of acidic structure development. In addition, heat was not as extreme as it could have been, resulting in many producers allowing grapes to hang just a little longer on the vines, developing better phenolic ripeness while preserving balance & structure.

**Vineyards**

Chateau Sénéjac is located in the Haut Medoc appellation, spread out over 150 hectares. The property has 39 hectares under vine, planted with 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot. The average age of vine is around 35 years.

**Vinification/  
Maturation**

Grapes are hand-picked and sorted, then after the final wine is blended, matured in French oak barrels for 12-15 months, using at least 30% new oak.

**Tasting Notes**

It is characterized by a deep color almost Black in his younger years. The expressive nose exhales aromas of black fruits and spices. In the mouth Sénéjac has many scale and intensity while remaining smooth and civilized with its fine tannins. It is a charming and distinguished wine to drink for young its fullness and fruit or even better leave age slowly to regain his race terroir.

**Production**

21,000 cases made

**Cellaring**

Drink 2012-2018

**Scores/Awards**

**88 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2013  
**89-92 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2011  
**89 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #205 - February 2013  
**87-90 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #194 - May 2011  
**91 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - March 2013  
**86-88+ points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - May 2011  
**89-90 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2011  
**93 points** - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - February 1, 2013  
**89-91 points** - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 25, 2011  
**16.5 points** - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2011  
**16.5 points** - Stephen Spurrier, Decanter.com - April 2011  
**92-93 points** - Jane Anson, The New Bordeaux - April 2012  
**86-89 points** - Derek Smedley, MW - April 2011  
**15.5+ points** - Farr Vintner - April 2011

**Reviews**

*"Fresh and open-knit, with friendly notes of raspberry and cherry preserves laced with hints of red licorice and toasted vanilla. Solid and direct, kept honest by just enough grip. Drink now through 2014. 21,000 cases made."*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"Still compact, with a very briary, juicy core of plum, dark currant and braised fig, followed by a roasted tobacco edge on the finish. Offers lively acidity. Should unwind nicely. Score range: 89-92"*  
- JM, Wine Spectator



## Reviews

*"Another sleeper of the vintage, Senejac's 2010 exhibits wonderful intensity, an opaque purple color, and opulent blackberry and blueberry fruit along with hints of charcoal, white chocolate and graphite. This lush, heady, rich wine is a considerable over-achiever from this property in the northern Medoc that can be drunk over the next 6-8 years. A member of the Alliance des Cru Bourgeois du Medoc."*

- RP, Wine Advocate

*"Pontet-Canet's brilliant proprietor, Alfred Tesseron, has begun to look after the wines of S n jac and the result is a tasty, elegant 2010 offering copious berry fruit notes intermixed with hints of cedarwood and spice. This cuvee should be drinkable upon release and evolve for a decade."*

- RP, Wine Advocate

*"Tasted at the Crus Bourgeois 2010 tasting in London. The S n jac has a superb bouquet with vigorous blackberry, wild strawberry and tobacco-tinged aromas that soar from the glass. The palate is medium bodied with grippy, dry tannins. There is plenty of substance here with a dash of black pepper and cedar on the finish. Very St. Estephe-like: this is an excellent cru bourgeois. Drink now-2018. Tasted September 2012."*

- NM, Wine Journal

*"This is one of the few samples that is relatively closed on the nose, but it gradually opens with blackcurrant and briary scents. The palate is medium bodied with chewy tannins on the entry, powdery in texture, a little overdone on the oaky finish. It may merit a higher mark after bottling. Tasted April 2011."*

- NM, Wine Journal

*"Lots of fresh herb and currant character on the nose and palate. Full body. Soft tannins. Best than 2009."*

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"The wine is firm, fruity, rich and concentrated, showing all the best qualities of 2010. There is a complex array of black fruits which are sustained by the firm, solid tannins. Age for at least 6-7 years."*

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

*"89-91 Balanced wine, its acidity marking the red berry fruits. It has a dry, tough core, while the fruit rolls easily through the structure."*

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

*"Dark crimson but not too blue. Quite rich and complete. Lovely texture and some real vitality. Great balance."*

- JR, JancisRobinson.com

*"Deep, compact yet complex flavours, a very elegant southern Haut-M doc with a good future. Drink 2014-22."*

- SS, Decanter.com

*"This is fast becoming known as 'the cheapest Pontet Canet you can buy (because its consultant is Jean-Michel Comme). It has an earthy nose, and a real terroir feel, together with sparkling fruit. It's good, well balanced, with heat from the alcohol that warms but doesn't bite. Made all the more poignant of course by the fact that owner Lorraine Cordier died just a few weeks after these tastings. 92-93/100. Drink 2017-2030"*

- JA, The New Bordeaux

*"Sweet fruit on the nose is overtaken by the oak. There does not seem to be enough fruit to cope with firm tannins rather obvious acidity and oak."*

- Derek Smedley MW

*"This well-known cru bourgeois property is owned by Lorraine Cordier of Chateau Talbot but vinification is now under the control of Alfred Tesseron's wine-making team from Pontet Canet. Very sexy and sweet with a plump mid palate. The opulence controlled by a touch of tannin. Finely balanced. Very well put together. Could be a great deal."*

- Farr Vintners

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