
Château La Croix Figeac 2009

CSPC# 749820

750mlx12

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc

Appellation

St. Emilion

General Info

Located on the limestone plateau near Figeac and Cheval Blanc, Chateau La Croix Figeac is an ancient estate in Saint Emilion. It was somewhat dismembered during its history, but was able to retain excellent plots, including Lamarzelle, adjacent to the prestigious Chateau Figeac.

It benefits from a soil quality, well-drained, sandy alluvium consists of gravel and clay and limestone layer retains heat. Through a takeover of operations at the end of 90 years by John Dutruilh, former ski champion, and his father, himself an experienced grower, and meticulous work of the vine by their teams, quality wines of this area has made great strides in recent years.

Although taken over by Jean Dutruilh (who was skiing champion before becoming a talented winemaker) and his father, that little thought has a high-quality soil, near Figeac and Cheval Blanc. The style of wines Figeac Cross focuses on a search for balance and elegance. The thought never goes into power, but recent vintages show a clear progression in terms of depth and longer.

Vineyards

The vineyard, south-facing vineyard has 35 years of middle age, whose performance is limited voluntarily. The vineyard consists of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc.

Vinification/ Maturation

Twenty-one to twenty-five-day fermentation and maceration in temperature controlled wooden vats. Malolactic in vat or in barrels depending upon the vintage. Eighteen months aging in new oak barrels. Fining, no filtration.

Tasting Notes

Nice wine smoothly, ripe fruit, with fine tannins, a limited power, but excellent drinkability.

Serve with

Serve with rubbed grilled rack of lamb, Greek roasted lamb shanks, red wine braised winter vegetables.

Cellaring

Drink 2012-2022

Scores/Awards

92-95 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2010

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

91-93 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - May 2010

Reviews

"Blackberry with licorice and black olive on the nose. Full-bodied, with lots of richness. Very concentrated, but I think it will come around just right. 80 percent Merlot, 20 percent Cabernet. This is really full throttle. Rock and roll. Score range: 92-95"

- JS, Wine Spectator

"Another sleeper of the vintage, this wine possesses exuberant black cherry liqueur notes intermixed with blacker fruits, some lead pencil shavings, incense and plum sauce in an attractive, fat, fleshy style that exhibits low acidity and oodles of fruit. Drink it over the next decade."

- RP, Wine Advocate

"Tasted at a negociant. Ripe black cherry and violets on the nose that is just lacking a little definition at this stage. Touches of cedar developing with some melted chocolate aromas. The palate is full-bodied with good delineation and fine balance. I like the freshness here, quite feminine, very focused with fine tannins, leading to a very pretty, fresh, pure finish that pleases no end. This is a great effort for 2009. Excellent. Tasted March 2010."

- NM, Wine Journal

