

Château Faugères 2019

CSPC# 749553

750mlx12

14.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	70% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Franc, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	St Emilion
Classification	Grand Cru Classé
Website	http://www.chateau-faugeres.com/chateau-appellation-saint-emilion-grand-cru-en/chateau-saint-emilion-vintages.html
Sustainability	HVE3. viticulture close to the organic, herbicide-free.
General Info	Château Faugères is a St Emilion Grand Cru that is now producing textbook new wave St Emilions. In 1823, the Esquissaud family acquired the estates of Châteaux Faugères and Péby Faugères. Then in 1987, the land was inherited by Pierre-Bernard Guisez. Up to then, all the wine produced had been sold to a single local merchant. P. Guisez and his wife Corinne wanted to become more involved in the vineyards, setting out on a quest for the finest quality. Their wish was to see these exquisite terroirs become jewels in the crown of the Saint-Emilion Grand Cru appellation, a desire that was to be fulfilled in a short time with the help of Michel Rolland. Since 1997 the property has been owned by the film producer, Péby Guisez and his wife Corine and they have energetically breathed new life into it.
Winemaker	Michel Rolland consults.
Vintage	The 2019 vintage marked a milestone at Château Faugères. The remarkable Saint-Emilion terroir, with its ideal south-facing orientation, performed beautifully in 2019. The vineyard's mosaic of terroirs allowed the vines to resist the heatwaves of the summer. The harvest was rather early and spread out, yielding fully ripened fruit bound for a high-quality blend.
Vineyards	There are 20 hectares of vineyards planted with Merlot (70%), Cabernet Franc (25%) and Cabernet Sauvignon (5%). Surface area: 37 hectares; Soil: limestone plateau (asteria limestone subsoil) dating back to the upper Oligocene; limestone and clay slope (limestone soil on clay-limestone molasse) dating back to the upper Eocene and Oligocene; Grape varieties: 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon; Average of vines: 35 years; Planting density: 6,000 vine stocks/hectare
Harvest	Manual harvest from September 18 to October 8. Fermentation from 25 to 30 days.
Vinification/ Maturation	The vinification was traditional, in cuvees, with malolactic fermentation and élevage in barrels. 12 months of ageing. 1/3 in new French oak barrels, 1/3 in barrels of one previous wine, 1/3 in barrels of two previous wines.
Tasting Notes	Deep purple colour with violet hue and black core. Intense and concentrated nose, dark berries and mild spices, fine toasting aroma, needs time to open up. On the palate rich character, well balanced with a juicy finish and freshness, ripe tannins, and mild acidity. A wine with convincing length, aromatic depth, and excellent potential.
Serving info	Chateau Faugères is best served at 15.5 degrees Celsius, 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The cool, almost cellar temperature gives the wine more freshness and lift.
Serve with	Best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes.
Production	10,800 cases made.
Cellaring	Drink 202
Scores/Awards	93 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2022 84 points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022 91-93 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - June 2020 95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022 95-96 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020 #6 - James Suckling's 10 Best Value 2019 Bordeaux



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95 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2022
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93 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - April 2022
92-94 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2020
94-95 points - Yves Beck (score only) - April 2021
93 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - February 2022
95 points - Vert de Vin - April 2020

Reviews *"Broad and extracted in feel, this pushes dark fig, blackcurrant, and bitter plum paste flavors to the fore, along with notes of espresso crema, alder, and vanilla. Stays rich yet focused through the finish, leaving a lightly toothy echo at the end. Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best from 2024 through 2037. 10,800 cases made"*
- JM, Wine Spectator

"The 2019 Faugères is a full-bodied, brutally extracted wine that exhibits a somewhat lactic nose of rich black fruits, berry liqueur and new oak. Mouth puckeringly tannic, it lacks charm or generosity despite its heady levels of ripeness"
- WK, Wine Advocate

"The 2019 Faugères has a very deep garnet-purple color. It delivers initial notes of Marmite toast, baked plums, and black truffles, soon giving way to smoked meats, blackberry pie and peppered salami hints. Full-bodied, the palate is jam-packed with black fruit preserves and savory layers, featuring a firm, grainy frame and invigorating freshness, finishing long and earthy. Barrel Sample:91-93."
- LPB, Wine Advocate

"A full-bodied red with fine tannins and plenty of plum, milk-chocolate and walnut aromas, and flavors. It's creamy and attractively textured. Rather flamboyant for the vintage. Generous and formed. Drink after 2024."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Very tight and finely tannined with a compact palate and loads of blue-fruit and blackberry character. It's full-bodied, but muscular and focused, to pull it into form."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Austerity tugs at the fruit on the attack, knitting it down and emphasising tannin over fruit. As it opens, the blackcurrant turns fleshy and polished, with plenty of chocolate and black truffle notes. This is good quality, full of high voltage impact. 2019 is the 400th anniversary since André de Faugères founded the property in 1619."
- JA, Decanter.com

"Lovely, perfumed cherries on the nose, so aromatic and pleasing. This is upfront and juicy straight from the get-go, with real purity of juice, crystal clean and bright. Tannins are fine and firm, supportive, but it's the red cherries and strawberries taking centre stage while the oak edges and cinnamon spice come in after a minute or so alongside some dark chocolate notes adding structure and complexity. Perhaps needs a little longer to meld together a bit more but this is lively and fun. Drinking Window 2025 - 2036 "
- GH, Decanter.com

"Owned by Silvio and Claudio Denz, a sleek and polished vintage at Faugères, and one that marks the 400th anniversary since André de Faugères founded the property in 1619. This is very much focused on chalky tannins and an austere precise and chiselled feel to the fruit overall. Great quality, built to last, slate scrapes up against the raspberry and damson fruit from beginning to end. "
- JA, Inside Bordeaux

Reviews *“Deeply colored, the wine is fresh, vibrant, and rich. The fruit blends black cherries, plums and strawberry with dried flowers, forest leaves and spice. Plushy-textured, long and packed with loads of ripe, sweet, dark red fruits, chocolate, licorice and spice, the soft, polished finish tastes and feels great. Drink from 2023-2038.”*
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“Dark in color, the wine is packed with round, fat fruits, licorice, and soft tannins. The mid-palate and endnotes come with a ripe, sweet, fruity finish that carries on nicely. This wine is forward in style and should be great to enjoy close to its release.”
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“The 2019 Faugères is one of the most elegant wines I have ever tasted from Silvio Denz's Saint-Émilion estate. Silky, aromatic, and super-expressive, Faugères is absolutely exquisite. Crushed red berry fruit, mint, dried flowers, and cinnamon are some of the many nuances that open in the glass. There is plenty of the textural richness readers have come to expect over the years, but the 2019 is less over the top than some previous vintages. And that's a good thing.”
- AG, Vinous

“The 2019 Faugères is fabulous. Inky dark fruit, graphite, crushed rocks, menthol, sweet French oak, lavender, and blueberry jam infuse the 2019 with myriad layers of complexity and dimension. In the glass, the 2019 is sweet and unctuous, not to mention incredibly deep. This is an especially flamboyant style; it works so well here.”
- AG, Vinous

“I always love this wine, and the 2019 Château Faugères is no exception. A big, pleasure-bent beauty, it's loaded with darker, chocolaty fruit as well as leafy herbs and some classic Saint-Emilion chalkiness and rocky mineral notes. More spice, tobacco, and leather notes emerge with time in the glass, and it's medium to full-bodied, has a plush, sexy, rounded texture, no hard edges, and a great finish. It's a beautiful Saint-Emilion to enjoy over the coming 10-15 years. “
- Jeb Dunnuck

“Coming from vines on the eastern side of the appellation, the 2019 Château Faugères is a Merlot-dominated cuvée that includes small amounts of Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. This is an incredibly consistent chateau, and the 2019 is beautifully done, revealing a saturated purple color, a great nose of blackberries, blueberries, violets, toasted spices, and candied orange, full body, and a plush, super rich, textured mouthfeel that keeps you coming back to the glass. Despite being a big, rich wine, it shows the lively, weightless style that's that hallmark of the vintage. Barrel Sample: 92-94.”
- Jeb Dunnuck

“Dark ruby garnet, violet reflections, subtle ocher edge brightening. Ripe plums, a hint of dried fruit and cardamom, delicate nougat, and candied orange zest. Powerful, sweet texture, ripe black cherries, well-integrated tannins, mineral and persistent, has power and freshness in the finish, good aging potential.”
- Falstaff Magazine

“The nose is aromatic, powerful and offers a fine grain as well as elegance. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, cornflower, small black fruits, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of pepper, spices, lily as well as fine touches of camphor, a subtle hint of ripe hazelnut and mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, juiciness, gourmandize, a beautiful bright fruit, a beautiful tension as well as deepness, gourmandize, concentration and sense of the place. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright Boysen berry, strawberry, small notes of violet, lily associated with touches of camphor, sugared mild tobacco, mocha/chocolate and fresh hazelnut. Good length. Tannins are elegant, racy, and coating.”
- Vert de Vin