

# Château Godeau 2010

CSPC# 756473

750mlx12

14.5% alc./vol.

## Grape Variety

95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

## Appellation

Saint Emilion

## General Info

Chateau Godeau is an up and coming Saint Emilion estate with nearly 6 hectares (14 acres) of vines. Godeau shares some premium terroir, neighbouring Chateaux Tertre Roteboeuf and La Mondotte with Chateaux Troplong Mondot and Pavie not far off.

The Florisoone's purchased Godeau from the American Steve and Alexandra Filipov who had owned the chateau since 2007. Under the Filipov's care Godeau underwent extensive modernisation and renovation. Wine making was supervised by the much-respected Stephane Derenoncourt and Chateau Godeau's wines have begun to attract attention. Parker rated the 2009 91 points and said that 'the 2009 is the best wine Godeau has yet produced' (he has not tasted the 2010).

Chateau Godeau has been producing wines since the 1960s, then under the ownership of Grégoire Bonte and has plenty of untapped potential to develop. The vineyards are planted with 95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc and the average annual production is between 24,000 – 30,000 bottles.

## Vineyards

The 5.65-hectare Chateau Godeau vineyard with its clay and limestone terroir has vines planted to a density of 6,000 vines per hectare. The average age of the vines is about 35 years. The grapes are from the family's traditionally planted, St. Emilion Grand Cru vineyards. Their vineyards have been in the same family for 8 generations. The vineyard cepage of Chateau Godeau a blend of 70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc.

## Harvest

Hand-harvested between October 11th and 15th and yields were just 30 hls/ha.

## Vinification/

## Maturation

The wine is whole berry fermented in temperature controlled, stainless steel tanks. The fruit sees a one-month maceration period. Extraction is done by pigeage. They do not do any pumping over. The wine is aged in 50% new French oak.

## Tasting Notes

This wine has a true Bordeaux-red color with a violet hue, and a transparent rim. The aroma has a lovely gentle perfume quality, with sweet earth and lightly spiced. A medium body has strong acids and noticeable tannin. With good flavors of juicy boysenberry, blackberry, damson plum, with hints of licorice and eucalyptus, this Bordeaux trails incredibly long on spice.

## Cellaring

Drink 2014-2024

## Scores/Awards

**90 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2013

**91 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2013

**90-91 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2011

**15.5 points** - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2011 (no review)

**87 points** - Jean Marc Quarin - March 2011

**90-92 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 22, 2011

**90-92 points** - Jeff Loo, JJBuckley Wines - April 2011

## Reviews

*"This sports a very ripe, focused beam of linzer torte and cassis notes, with dark toasted anise, violet and fruitcake showing up on the finish. Fairly extracted, but with the graphite edge to keep the wine delineated. Best from 2014 through 2024."*

- JM, Wine Spectator

*"Warm, almost jammy nose with prunes and dried orange peel. Sweet licorice and some violets. Sweet fine fruit on the palate with beautiful velvety texture. Precise and quite long with a wonderful charming finish and smooth tannins. Very enjoyable already now."*

- JS, JamesSuckling.com



**Reviews** *"This very tannic with lots of acidity and mineral character. Full and muscular. A little one dimensional but I like it."*

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"Refined nose of fruit. Round tasty and compelling on the palate. Average length with a salty tang on finish."*

- JMQ

*"Godeau is located not far from Tertre Roteboeuf and Troplong Mondot. Stephane Derenoncourt started consulting the property in 2007. 95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc produce the blend. Deep ruby in color, with a licorice, mineral, floral and jammy black raspberry aromatic profile, the wine ends with a fleshy, ripe black plum filled finish. The wine will be aged in 33% new oak for 12 months. If prices remain low, this could be a strong value play in 2010. 90-92 Pts"*

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

*"95% merlot and 5% cabernet franc. 5.65-hectare vineyard sits on hillsides, mostly facing south/southwest and the 35-year-old vines are planted to a mix of clay and limestone. Hand-harvested between October 11th and 15th and yields were just 30 hls/ha. The nose offers aromas of plum, currant and cassis, mixed with wet stone and turned earth. The palate offers black fruit, roasted herbs and sweet fruit leading to a complex finish with big tannins and mild acidity. Medium bodied, it shows a rustic texture. Hopefully a few years will bring this wine together and be enjoyable for the next 15. A Derenoncourt wine. "*

- JL, JJ Buckley Wines

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