

Château Peby Faugeres 2014

CSPC# 763552

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

100% Merlot

Appellation

Saint Emilion

Classification

Grand Cru Classe

Website

<http://www.chateau-peby-faugeres.com/>

General Info

This luxury cuvee is culled from a 5-acre parcel of the Faugeres vineyard... this loaded St Emilion should turn out to be one of the finest wines of the vintages.

Heralded from the Faugeres vineyard (a parcel of primarily Merlot with small quantities of Cabernet Franc), this spectacular St.-Emilion represents the essence of flavour, with a beautiful elegance and complexity.

Vintage

The winter of 2013/2014 was characterized by its dampness and very gentle temperatures, with the lowest number of days of frost (under 10) in the last decade. As a result, bud break was about two weeks earlier than average. The "green tip" stage was observed around 2 April.

However, a drop in temperatures in mid-April and then again in mid-May, resulted in the growth cycle losing its advance. Rain over the spring period was slightly above average, resulting in a significant threat of fungal diseases (mainly mildew and botrytis). Flowering began very slowly in late May. The Merlot vines were in full bloom around 9 June; fortunately, a rise in temperatures enabled an acceleration of the end of the flowering period.

The summer of 2014 was characterized by regular rain, with frequent thunderstorms until the end of August. Temperatures remained generally moderate, except for a few days in the second half of July, which saw peaks of above 35°C. August was relatively cool, with temperatures 1 to 2 degrees below average. The *véraison* (when the grapes change colour) began in mid-July and was spread over more than a month (the Merlot had fully changed colour by 14/08). The real summer did not start until the last week of August, with a very welcome period of high pressure that continued until the harvests, enabling the grapes to reach perfect ripeness and offer the much hoped for quality that the vintage had promised. No hint of water stress appeared until September and the foliage did not stop growing until relatively late.

The superb late summer brought a significant rise in temperatures and an increased difference between day and night-time temperatures.

The quality of the vintage greatly benefited from this magical period between late August and October.

Vineyards

Peby Faugeres is a blend of the wines from Chateau Faugeres' best plots of land. The Chateau Faugeres estate covers 9 hectares, located in Saint Emilion on clay-limestone soils. The vines are 100% Merlot and are on average 40 years old.

Harvest

The beautiful Indian summer meant that we could take a relaxed approach to the harvests, beginning in mid-September and continuing until 18 October. The leaf-stripping that had been carried out in early September and the excellent health of the grapes enabled us to harvest the plots quickly and reduced the need to sort the grapes in the vineyard and in the winery.

The harvests began with the Merlot for rosé on 19 and 21 September, with direct pressing, followed by the white grapes on 23 and 24 September.

Picking of the red grapes began on 30 September with the young vines in Cap de Faugères and ended on 18 October with the last of Péby's Cabernet Sauvignon.

Yields: fortunately, these were higher than for the two previous vintages. For the red grapes, they were 20 hl/ha for the old vines, and from 31 to 44 hl/ha for the rest. For the white and rosé Bordeaux, we obtained 50 hl/ha.



Vinification/ Maturation	Traditional viticulture methods are used, such as green harvesting, leaf pruning and manual picking. When selecting the grapes, two sorting tables are used to ensure the best possible quality. Maturation is conducted over 18 months in 100% new French oak barrels.
Serve with	Chateau Peby Faugeres is best paired with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised and grilled dishes.
Production	665 cases made.
Cellaring	Drink 2019-2030
Scores/Awards	<p>93 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2017</p> <p>93-96 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2015</p> <p>89-91 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #218 - April 29, 2015</p> <p>96 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - February 2017</p> <p>93-94 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2015</p> <p>16.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2015</p> <p>16.25 (87) points - James Lawther, Decanter.com - April 2015</p> <p>93-94 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2015</p> <p>87-89 points - Jeremy Williams, winewordsandvideotape.com - March 2015</p> <p>87 points - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com - March 2015</p> <p>95 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2017</p> <p>91-94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2015</p> <p>15.5 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only)</p> <p>16.5 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only)</p> <p>16.5 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only)</p> <p>16 points - Gault & Millau (score only)</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"Ripe raspberry and blackberry pâte de fruit notes pump along, picking up a dollop of ganache along the way. This has a long, flowing feel, with nice polish on the anise-infused finish. On the hedonist side, but beautifully done. Drink now through 2030. 665 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"The gorgeous mouthfeel is already there, featuring polished structure and velvety blueberry, plum and boysenberry compote notes, inlaid seamlessly with spice, anise and fruitcake accents. The long finish lets the fruit flow. Another beauty from this estate, which has been on fire recently. Score range: 93-96"</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"The Château Peby-Faugères 2014 has more intensity on the nose than the Château Faugères, although here the wood is more conspicuous. Underneath lies copious black cherries and boysenberry fruit. The palate is full-bodied with thickly layered black, toasty fruit. The acidity feels quite low and frankly, it does not express the terroir in the same accomplished fashion as the classy Château Faugères. Take your pick - I know what mine would be."</i> - NM, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Fantastic aromas of crushed berries, violets, licorice and blueberries. Full body, silky and firm tannins and a long and flavorful finish. Such class for the vintage. Powerful. Better in 2022."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>This is layered and wonderfully balanced with dark fruit and berry character. Hints of spice. Wonderful structure and length. Sexy."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"Mid crimson. Sweet, dried-fruit aromas. Luscious density. Polished tannins. Defiantly modern style that works well. The oak is just a little dominant at this stage but with any luck it will settle down. Impressive length. Not for traditionalists."</i> - JR, JancisRobinson.com</p> <p><i>"Rich and dense. Freshness from the limestone terroir. Powerful and robust. Chewy finish. Competently made but out of kilter with the vintage."</i> - JL, Decanter.com</p>

Reviews *“Rich with layers of ripe, luscious fruit, this wine has smooth, sensuous textures and a concentrated blast of licorice, black cherry, boysenberry and smoky-brewed espresso in the lushly textured finish. Produced from 100% Merlot, the wine was made from low yields of only 20 hectoliters per hectare. 93-94 Pts”*
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“Mid depth; good and healthy looking; open red fruits, tomato plant hints; not unattractive; contained; chalky; some extract; nice chew and texture; needs a bit of infilling but this may happen with time; some chew on the finish. [100% Merlot, 7.45ha]. Drink 2017-2023. Tasted blind Grand Cercle 29 March 2015. 87-89”
- JW, winewordsandvideotape.com

“A ripe, modern style with polished tannins. Well-made and generous in 2014 with forward fruit characters. Approachable and juicy - best in its youth.”
- JCL, asianpalate.com

“The 2014 Péby Faugères is a rich, full-throttle wine. Unctuous and powerful, with soft contours and fabulous depth, the 2014 shows the more flamboyant side of Saint-Émilion. Black cherry, plum, mocha, chocolate and dark spice notes build as this voluptuous wine shows off its distinctive personality. In 2014, Péby Faugères has all of its typical richness, but it also comes across as a bit restrained relative to some prior vintages, as hard as that may be to believe. Péby Faugères is 100 % old-vine Merlot from a parcel that was carved out of the original Faugères vineyard. This is a gorgeous wine from proprietor Silvio Denz and consulting winemaker Michel Rolland. 2019-2029”
- AG, Vinous

“The 2014 Péby Faugères is bold, powerful and intense in the glass, with huge red fruit, intense aromatics and pure, explosive energy. A wine of remarkable depth, the 2014 boasts marvelous richness, although the tannins are going to need time to soften. Juicy dark plums, pomegranate, sweet spices, menthol and new leather all add punch in a decidedly bold, extroverted St.-Emilion bursting at the seams with personality. Péby Faugères is 100% old-vine Merlot from a parcel that was carved out of the original Faugères vineyard. This is a superb showing from proprietor Silvio Denz and consulting winemaker Michel Rolland.”
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