

Château Peby Faugeres 2015

CSPC# 801271

750mlx12

15.0% 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

2015 St. Emilion has it all going on. Frankly, I could sum this article up rather quickly by just saying, "2015 Saint Emilion Rocks!"

Across the board, 2015 St. Emilion was lucky. Vineyards in the cool clay soils that harvested late made stunning wines. But so, did the estates on the limestone plateau, in the gravel soils and properties on the more sandy terroir were also quite successful. That does not mean buyers do not need to be choosy. Some estates pushed the pedal to the metal a bit too far. There are overly extracted wines, and wines that are aging in too much new oak. But generally speaking, the level of quality here is homogenous. 2015 St. Emilion is the product of a hot, dry summer, with drought conditions. April was hot. June was hotter. July was scorching, and the lack of water exacerbated those conditions. What made this unique was that this level of heat is usually experienced later in the growing season. That was not the case with 2015. Fortunately, the rains in August arrived in the nick of time, providing enough nourishment to allow the growth cycle to continue.

Vineyards

Péby 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

between 1-12 October

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 90% new French oak barrels.

Production

1,000 cases made

Cellaring

Drink 2023-2040.

Scores/Awards

95 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2018

93-96 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2016

98 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate Interim Issue - February 2018

91-93 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #224 - April 2016

92 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - March 2018

99 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2018

99-100 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2016

15.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2016

89 points - James Lawther, Decanter.com - April 2016

97 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2018

97 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2016

Review Only - Farr Vintner - March 2016

96 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2018

94-96 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2016

97 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - February 2018

16.5+ points - Matthew Jukes, MW - April 2016

93-95 points - Falstaff Magazine (score only) - May 2016



Scores/Awards **16.5 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - June 2016**

16.5 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - April 2016

Reviews

"Alluring, with a lush display of creamed raspberry, boysenberry and blackberry fruit, infused with notes of alder, tobacco and chalk. The long finish has well-embedded grip to support the rather showy fruit. Best from 2023 through 2040. 1,000 cases made."

- JM, Wine Spectator

"Alluring, with steeped plum and boysenberry confiture notes that are rich and lush in feel, yet stay bright through the finish, presenting a light brambly underpinning and suave spice and toast details. Gorgeous fruit. Score range: 93-96"

- JM, Wine Spectator

"Produced from 100% Merlot and matured for 18 months in 65% new and 35% one-year-old French oak barrels, the 2015 Péby Faugeres is medium to deep garnet-purple in color with a strikingly gorgeous nose of exotic spices, baked blackberries, plum preserves, cherry cordial and fragrant earth with smoked meats, lavender, licorice and tapenade hints. The boldly fruited, full-bodied palate features opulent, totally decadent spiced black and blue fruits with a very firm yet ripe structure and finishes with incredible depth and length. Stefan von Neipperg consults on the vineyard management here, while Michel Rolland focuses on harvest dates, winemaking, aging and the final blend - a big "bravo" to them both on this 2015!"

- LPB, Wine Advocate

"The 2015 Péby Faugeres is pure Merlot cropped at 27 hl/ha between 1-12 October and matured in 65% new oak. It has a ripe cassis and blueberry scented bouquet that just feels a little static at the moment. The palate is medium bodied with supple tannin, the oak a little dominant at the moment, plenty of sappy black fruit with a saline finish that displays good tension. This Péby-Faugeres seems more refined than recent vintages and once the nose gains more animation, then it could turn into a commendable Saint Emilion, even if I find the 2015 Faugeres more to my taste."

- NM, Wine Advocate

"The 2015 Péby Faugeres has an ostentatious bouquet with macerated small black cherries and crème de cassis lacquered with new oak. The palate is ripe and candied with powerful, opulent red and black fruit laced with white pepper and sage. It has enormous depth and concentration although it feels just a little obvious on the heady finish. It is all a bit predictable, but it is well made and will hopefully repay bottle aging."

- NM, Wine Journal

"A very intense yet playfully ripe and balanced expression of dark plums, dark stones and blackberries. Then wait for the dark, leafy notes of dark tea and charcoal as well as deeply integrated wood aromas of violets and cloves. The palate moves on a very energized and fluid bed of tannin that builds very smoothly into an ascending finish. Plush, impressive and very composed. Super long and focused finish. Try from 2022."

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"The best Péby I have ever tasted. The purity of fruit and density is fantastic, yet it remains bright and floating. It's full yet agile. Perfect tannins. Pure merlot magic."

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Very dark. Meaty nose. Very sweet! And masses of oak and this is really in the old style! Quite painful to taste! Too much. A wine to be impressed by rather than to enjoy."

- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"As usual, an extreme wine. Dark, dense and minerally with a big tannic base but a fine grain of tannin. Extraction leaves a tight, chewy finish. Will need time."

- JL, Decanter.com

"If inky colored wines are your thing, you came to right place. Especially if you dig decadent textures, rich, full bodied, concentrated, ripe, fleshy wines that coat your palate and stay there, with a cornucopia of ripe, sweet, fruits, licorice, chocolate and smoke."

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

Reviews *“No shy wallflower of a wine here. This attention-seeking beauty is packed and stacked. This brick house of a wine is filled with layers of velvet-textured, ripe, sweet black fruits, silky tannins, boysenberry jam, smoke, espresso, licorice and dark chocolate. The wine coats your palate and stains your teeth.”*

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“This is the ultimate right bank super-cuvée that you either love or hate. It would be fair to say that there is nobody at Farr Vintners who loves it, but some critics do seem to be rather keen. Maybe it will taste less extreme when mature and served in one of the owner's ornate Lalique wine glasses.”

- Farr Vintners

“Powerful, dense and explosive, the 2015 Péby Faugères is superb. Black cherry, mocha, tobacco, menthol and licorice are racy and voluptuous in the glass. Readers should expect a super-ripe, flamboyant wine loaded with personality. Péby Faugères is 100% old-vine Merlot from the heart of Silvio Denz's Saint-Émilion property. Done in an extravagant style, Péby is not especially subtle, but it is often arrestingly beautiful, as it is again in 2015. 2021 – 2035”

- AG, [Vinous](http://Vinous.com)

“An extravagant, flamboyant wine, Silvio Denz's 2015 Péby Faugères hits all the right notes. A rich concoction of black cherry, plum, new leather, mocha and sweet tobacco nearly covers the wine's huge tannins, but there is plenty of structure underneath. The wine's unbridled explosive energy is impossible to miss. This is a spectacularly rich, visceral wine from Silvio Denz and winemaker Michel Rolland. Even with all of its intensity and decidedly modern personality, the 2015 is going to need the better part of the next decade to start showing all it's got. Péby Faugères is 100% old-vine Merlot from the heart of Denz's Saint-Émilion property. Tasted two times.”

- AG, [Vinous](http://Vinous.com)

“The 2015 Château Péby Faugeres is a blockbuster that's up with the top wines from this estate. As with the 2016, it's 100% Merlot raised in 90% new oak. A big wine that checks in north of 15% alcohol (you'd never know it by tasting it), it offers a huge bouquet of cassis, graphite, bouquet garni, scorched earth, and toasty oak. With a full-bodied, layered, seamless style on the palate and awesome purity of fruit, it has the concentration, balance, and freshness to improve for 7-8 years and keep for two decades. Tasted twice. 2026 – 2046”

- Jeb Dunnuck

“Very dry and grainy with a dusty, oaky palate throughout this is a closed wine with little juiciness and only brawn. I find it too hard for my taste, but it will inevitably soften in time, but I think that the core of fruit is simply not attractive enough to be worth it.”

- MJ, matthewjukes.com