

Les Pagodes de Cos 2010

CSPC# 802004

750mlx6

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot

Appellation

Saint- Estèphe

Website

<http://www.estournal.com/en/cos/wines/#wines-pagodes-de-cos>

General Info

Chateau Cos d'Estournal makes a second wine , Les Pagodes de Cos, which was first produced with the 1994 vintage. Originally, the second wine was called Marbuzet. The majority of the fruit came from their vineyard called Marbuzet, hence the name. The name was changed after both properties were purchased by Michel Reybier. Today, the grapes used in the second wine, Les Pagodes de Cos can from time to time, include fruit from Marbuzet, their other estate in St. Estephe, as well as grapes from young vines and declassified wine intended for Cos d'Estournal. Since 2005, Les Pagodes de Cos has morphed into one of the better second wines in all of Bordeaux. On average, Les Pagodes de Cos is aged in 40% new, French oak barrels.

Vintage

The key features of the 2014 weather were a very irregular rainfall pattern across the region, a cool and relatively wet August, and a magnificently long, warm, and dry autumn. September and October each had nearly one third more sunshine than usual and, respectively, one quarter and less than half their normal rainfall. Perfect conditions, of course, for the harvest.

Vineyards

The vineyard of Cos spreads around the château on 91 hectares. The Cabernet Sauvignon vines (60% of the vineyard) find the soil of their choice in the thin layers of gravely soil situated on the top and on the southern slopes of the hill. On the other hand, the Merlot vines (40% of the vineyard) excel on the eastern slopes and on the slopes where the Saint-Estephe limestone bed shows on the surface. The percentage of Cabernet and Merlot varies from one vintage to another according to the year weather conditions, benefiting successively to the one or the other. Plantation is extremely dense (8000 to 10000 vines per hectare) and the average age of the vineyard is high (35 years old on the average) in order to enable the roots to extend excessively and to obtain a very slender yield per vine that will create the "Grand Goût" Only the wines coming from over 20 years old vines will have the name of Château Cos d'Estournal.

Maturation

Matured in 50% new oak

Tasting Notes

2010 Pagodes de Cos needs not blush in the company of many grand vins. It is totally enchanting and worthy of the most discerning wine lover. Like the 2009, it is unquestionably an outstanding second wine. 2010 Pagodes de Cos has a truly marvelous texture. It is an opulent wine with fine, soft tannin. Fresh and long, it exudes tremendous elegance.

Cellaring

Drink 2013-2028

Scores/Awards

90 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2013

92-95 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - April 2011

93 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #205 - February 2013

90-93 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #194 - May 2011

90 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal #314 - March 2014

91 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal #313 - March 2013

90 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal #511 - May 2011

91 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - March 2013

92-93 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2011

91 points - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar - July 2013

92 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - May 2013

92-94 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 2011

17 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2013



Scores/Awards **17 points** - Steven Spurrier, Decanter.com - April 2011
90-92 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2011
92-94+ points - Jeremy Williams, winewordsandvideotape.com - April 2011
16 points - Farr Vintner - April 2011
89-93 points - Derek Smedley, MW - April 2011
16.5 points - Simon Staples, Berry & Rudd Wine & Spirit Merchants - April 2013
Review Only - JJ Buckley Wines - April 2011
91 points - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com - April 2011
91 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - July 2013 (score only)
89 points - Huon Hooke, March 2014 (score only)
93 points - Falstaff Magazine - April 2011 (score only)
93 points - Gary Walsh, The Wine Front - April 2011 (score only)
17 points - Gault & Millau (score only)

Reviews *"Bright loganberry and blackberry fruit pumps along, while hints of licorice root, singed apple wood and charcoal chime in on the finish. Pleasantly firm, open and accessible, this is engaging and lively but a bit shy on stuffing overall. Drink now through 2023."*

- JM, Wine Spectator

"This is sleek along the edges and dense in the middle, with ample crushed cherry, red currant and melted red licorice notes. A bright floral edge chimes in on the long finish. An impressive second wine. A little more Merlot than usual (62 percent Cabernet Sauvignon and 38 percent Merlot). Tasted non-blind."

- JM, Wine Spectator

"Probably the best second wine ever made at Cos (although the 2009 should not be discounted), the 2010 Les Pagodes de Cos is a blend of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon and 38% Merlot finishing at 14% natural alcohol. This wine exhibits beautiful, silky tannins as well as sweet, rich mulberry and black currant fruit with hints of spring flowers, licorice and subtle toast. A full-bodied, opulent and -ideal- second wine, most people who have tasted it would probably agree that it is actually better than many vintages of Cos d'Estournel from the 1960s and 1970s. Drink it over the next 10-15 years."

- RP, Wine Advocate

"Possibly the finest Pagodes the estate has produced, as Jean-Guillaume Prats said, this 2010 is better than many vintages of Cos d'Estournel produced in the sixties and seventies. Forty-five percent of the production made it into this blend of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon and 38% Merlot that achieved 14.1% alcohol naturally. Plump and fat with an abundant concentration of black fruits as well as outstanding intensity, purity and texture, this beauty should drink well for 10-15 years."

- RP, Wine Advocate

"The Les Pagodes de Cos 2010 has a crisp leafy bouquet: autumn leaves and sandalwood infused black fruit that is well defined. The palate is medium bodied with fine tannins, crisp acidity with a slightly bitter finish that needs just a touch more persistency. Otherwise, this is just very fine for a second label. Tasted January 2014."

- NM, Wine Journal

"The Pagodes 2010 has a broody nose, biding its time in the glass, unfurling to reveal notes of blackcurrant pastilles, cedar, pine and a touch of graphite. Like Montrose, there is a Pauillac-like tincture to this wine. The palate is medium bodied with firm tannins, a gentle but insistent grip on the entry. Hints of Christmas cake and dates combine nicely with the crisp, fresh blackberry finish. This is an accomplished Pagodes that should drink well over the following ten years. Tasted November 2012."

- NM, Wine Journal

"Picked between 27th September and 10th October, the Pagodes is a blend of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon and 38% Merlot delivering 14.13% alcohol with a pH of 3.51. The Cabernet Sauvignon dominates the nose with blackberry, pencil shavings, a touch of plum and fine mineralite. The palate has great tension on the entry with a citric freshness, very good weight and yet it glides through to a harmonious finish. This is a lovely Pagodes. Drink 2012- Tasted March 2011"

- NM, Wine Journal

- Reviews** *"A wine with plum, spice, and currant character with full body, and silky tannins. Lovely texture to this wine. Give it a year or two to soften. Second wine of Cos. Better in 2015."*
- JS, JamesSuckling.com
- "Love the nose to this wine, with spices and berries and currants. Full and very refined with super silky tannins and a long, long finish. So refined"*
- JS, JamesSuckling.com
- "This big, rich, chocolaty wine is powerfully built with considerable extract. The wine is huge and solid, its tannins extreme and dense. At the same time, the juicy blackberry fruit drives the wine into an opulent aftertaste."*
- RV, Wine Enthusiast
- "Powerful tannins here, spiced with a considerable amount of new wood. The wine has richness, black chocolate burnt toast flavors along with intense sweet plum fruits."*
- RV, Wine Enthusiast
- "Bright medium ruby. Aromas of crushed blueberry, cassis and nutty oak. Wonderfully dense and sweet, with considerable complexity and a hint of super ripeness to its very ripe, sweet flavors of dark berries and complementary oak. Finishes with excellent breadth and length, and thoroughly sweet, fine tannins. A great success for this bottling. For drinking over the next 10 to 12 years. (ST)"*
- ST, International Wine Cellar
- "45% of production. Glistening crimson. Rich, somehow burnished fruit aromas. Very sweet and winning start and then pretty tight but in some years in the past this would have looked like a pretty good classed growth. Very slightly lean on the finish and a little tarry but well done and supple until the very end, which is a bit sudden."*
- JR, JancisRobinson.com
- "Big smoky cassis nose, spice and controlled fruit, impressive complexity."*
- SS, Decanter.com
- "Les Pagodes de Cos from an assemblage of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, this is a brawny, focused and straight forward style of wine. In the mouth, the wine is tannic, fresh and filled with dark berries. Prats called this vintage a severe style of Pagodes that requires time."*
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com
- "Deep, thick and concentrated look; legs; thick and ripe, some marzipan hints, very ripe nose; minerals and stone too; creamy note to the nose; thick palate, ripe, precise; some tar, this is very concentrated in feel. Lots of ripe tannin. Some warmth on the finish. 92-94+/100 [62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot alc 14.13% IPT 73 pH3.51] Tasted at Cos d'Estournel 6th April 2011. Drink 2018-2030"*
- JW, winewordsandvideotape.com
- "Jean-Guillaume Prats believes that his second wine is now of higher quality than any vintage of the "grand vin" of Cos d'Estournel of the 1990's. Made from 62% Cabernet Sauvignon and 38% Merlot, this year it represents 45% of the total production of Cos d'Estournel. A deep colour. The nose is full of intense black fruit with a strong cassis character. There is lots of flesh here with an attractive veneer of oak (50% of which is new). Full bodied and intense, this is hugely impressive, and it would certainly out-perform many a cru classé in a blind tasting."*
- Farr Vintners
- "Rich ripe black fruits fill out the nose all very sweet. Bramble jelly sweetness gives a fleshy richness on the palate. Underpinning the ripeness and sweetness of fruit are firm tannins and red fruits. The back palate is bright, and the finish has a touch of peppery oak spice. "*
- Derek Smedley MW

Reviews *“Sweet, soft, succulent, juicy, sexy, round, joyous, this Pagodes seems a tad more ‘fun’ in comparison to its big, more sensible, yet profound brother. I don't mean to make it sound frivolous, and not the dense and really gorgeous glass that it is. Far from it, but it's like a GT Continental convertible versus a Bentley Arnage; it is a little less serious and just a tad flash! This is certainly the best Pagodes we have tried to date. Scrumptious! “*
- SS, Berry & Rudd Wine & Spirit Merchants

“62% cabernet sauvignon 38% merlot. 45% of the production goes into this second wine of Cos d'Estournel. Average yield is 38 hl/hectare and the alcohol is 14.13%. Modern and clean the nose reveals creamy blackberry and blue fruits graphite spring flowers and a touch of sauvage. Lots of minerality here with a nice attack of plus concentration of brambly blackberry that peaks to a crescendo of black raspberry on the tight and focused mid-palate. One of the better second wines of the vintage”
- JJ Buckley Wines

The 2010 Pagodes de Cos d'Estournel is a deep ruby purple, with aromas of cedar, roasted meat, spices, and ripe plums, followed by very fresh and vibrant blackberry and blackcurrant flavours, supple tannins and some spicy notes on the finish. This is balanced style of Pagodes de Cos, with full rich flavours and nice depth. Nearly 40% Merlot. Tasted in Bordeaux, France. Maturity: Young.”
- JCL, asianpalate.com
