

Les Pagodes de Cos 2014

CSPC# 847787

750mlx6

13.9% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot

Appellation

Saint- Estèphe

Classification

2nd wine

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.

Winemakers

Jean-Guillaume Prats - winemaker

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

Pagodes de Cos comes from a clearly defined terroir and is developing its own personality. Velvety, fresh and fruity, the wine charms from the outset while already showing the structure of a Grand Vin. Its attractive mineral character gives it smoothness, and it expresses the richness of its terroir with great delicacy. « Pagodes de Cos touches our hearts deeply » says Aymeric de Gironde, « offering a nice introduction to the style of Cos d'Estournal. It is the promise of the discovery of a more complex universe.

Cellaring

Drink 2018-2028

Scores/Awards

90 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2017

90 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate Interim - March 31, 2017

90-92 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #218 - April 29, 2015

93 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - February 2017

91-92 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2015

93 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - April 1, 2017

93-95 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - March 1, 2015

17+ points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2015

17.00 (90) points - James Lawther, Decanter.com - April 2015

90 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - July 2017

87-89 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2015

90-92+ points - Jeremy Williams, winewordsandvideotape.com - March 2015



Scores/Awards **91 points** - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com - March 2015

92 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2017

93-96 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2015 (score only)

90 points - Falstaff Magazine - March 2017 (score only)

17 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only)

16.5 points - Gault & Millau (score only)

Reviews *"Shows good flesh, with a core of plum, raspberry and blackberry paste flavors, underscored by racier pebble and savory notes. Delivers briary energy throughout. Best from 2018 through 2028."*
- JM, Wine Spectator

"The 2014 Les Pagodes de Cos, now in bottle, seems to be wasting no time in appeasing those who like to drink their Bordeaux young. (And why not? This is a deuxième vin after all.) The nose is open and generous with blackberry fruit tinged with dark chocolate and a touch of mint, the graphite element not evident here as it was in barrel. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp tannin, very well-judged acidity and very fine focus. Like the Grand Vin, this is not an exotic or flamboyant Cos d'Estournel, but no way would you describe it as lean. There is an easy-drinking approachable nature to this Les Pagodes de Cos, without precluding it of precision and length, whilst the graphite note pops up right at the finish and on the aftertaste. This delightful wine should be drinking from 2018 and over the next decade. Tasted February 2017."

- NM, Wine Advocate

"The Les Pagodes de Cos 2014 is a blend of 43% Merlot, 55% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Petit Verdot, a selection from the vineyard according to age of vine and the soil. Matured in 50% new oak, it has a clean and precise bouquet, a veneer of blackberry and wild strawberry fruit intermixed with cedar and graphite, the latter becoming more pronounced with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with a silky-smooth entry, well-judged acidity with veins of tobacco and allspice emerging toward the finish that gently fans out. There is already a pleasant freshness in situ that I hope will be retained by the time it is in bottle. Very fine."

- NM, Wine Advocate

"The intensity of plums, spices, mushrooms and black truffles is very impressive. Full body, firm and silky tannins and a savory finish. Delicious second wine already."

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Another refined 2014 with super fine tannins, beautiful fruit and impressive balance. Medium body, bright acidity and a clean finish. Solid core of fruit. Second wine of Cos"

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"The second wine of Cos d'Estournel is powerfully packed with tannins and dark ripe fruit. It is enormously rich and intense while keeping a fine smooth texture. There is a dark core that is going to allow the wine to develop over many years. Drink from 2024. "

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"93-95. Barrel Sample. This is a ripe, smoky wine, with solid, complex tannins. It has concentration and richness while always holding back from being too explosive. The finish is firm, just lifted by ample acidity."

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot. 80% of a certain vineyard supplemented by other less successful plots. 50% new oak. Dark crimson. Very sweet and charming. A mineral streak and some real freshness too. Not remotely meagre. Very forward and very ripe -- St-Estèphe style. Gorgeous already. 17+/20 points. Drink 2019-2032."

- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"Fine floral fruit - a touch of Pauillac elegance. Quite fleshy and well-structured with a real sense of place. Attractive yet serious."

- SS, Decanter.com

Reviews *“Better from bottle than from barrel, there is a refined character to the ripe, juicy, bright fruits, and the Asian, spiced nuances really add a lot of complexity here. Fresh, forward and with personality, this medium bodied wine can be enjoyed young, and over the next decade with ease.”*

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“Smoke, licorice, flowers and sweet black cherries on the nose, this wine is soft, forward, sweet and easy drinking. 87-89 Pts’

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“Deeply coloured; saturated look; purple at the meniscus; healthy looking; fruit; precise and creamy; blackcurrant; clean and fresh; some black cherry and summer fruit compote tones; layered palate with texture and a seam of blackcurrant fruit; nice acidity here; complete on the end with nice length. Good effort. [55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot, 13.9% alc, 3.4TA, 3.78 pH, ITP 73, 50% new oak]. Drink 2019-2028. Tasted at Cos, 30 March 2015. 90-92+”

- JW, winewordsandvideotape.com

“A beautifully composed Pagodes with balance, elegance and a lovely dark berry fruit flavor. Palate offers supple tannins and blackberry with violets on the finish. Love the freshness in this wine with supple texture and round tannins. Dry winds in September caused the berries to lose water so the bunch and berry size were normal, not bigger than average.”

- JCL, asianpalate.com

“The 2014 Les Pagodes de Cos is racy and voluptuous from the outset. Dark stone fruit, chocolate, menthol, licorice and dark spices run through this succulent, textured Saint-Estèphe. The interplay of dense flavors from the dehydration of fruit by warm days and anticyclonic winds resulted in an unusually opulent second wine, made in a flamboyant, exotic style that is found in some wines of the northern Médoc in 2014. (AG)”

- AG, *Vinous*
