

## Pagodes de Cos 2019

CSPC# 847787

750mlx6

14.51% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot
<b>Appellation</b>	Saint- Estèphe
<b>Classification</b>	2nd wine of Ch Cos d'Estournel
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.estournel.com/en/cos/wines/#wines-pagodes-de-cos">http://www.estournel.com/en/cos/wines/#wines-pagodes-de-cos</a>
<b>General Info</b>	Chateau Cos d'Estournel 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. Estèphe, as well as grapes from young vines and declassified wine intended for Cos d'Estournel. 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.
<b>Winemaker</b>	Jean-Guillaume Prats - winemaker
<b>Vintage</b>	In 2019, all conditions are met to move towards a very beautiful vintage. Conditions for ripening were excellent. All four varieties clearly show the advantages of our clay-heavy gravel soils and the limestone bedrock beneath: each is expressive in its own way, and all four are fresh, rounded, and full of flavour. The tannins are velvety, the balance exceptional: here is a wine similar in some ways to 2016 or 2018, yet even fresher and more aromatic.
<b>Vineyards</b>	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- Estèphe 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'Estournel.
<b>Harvest</b>	Dates unknown
<b>Maturation</b>	Matured in 50% new oak
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	A creamy attack, buttery and spicy, characteristic of Pagodes de Cos precedes elegantly balanced aromas of blackcurrant, blueberry, blackberry, violet, bergamot, and black tea. The 2019 vintage also presents velvety tannins and a very long finish with a magnificent, refreshing touch of salinity. Incredibly dense and elegant, Pagodes de Cos 2019 is a wine with instantaneous powers of seduction
<b>Serve with</b>	The wines from Chateau Cos d'Estournel are best served at 17-18 degrees Celsius. As they continue to warm up in the glass, they will release their full palette of aromas and reveal their most subtle, delicate nuances. Older vintages might need very little decanting, just enough to remove the sediment. Best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted braised and grilled dishes.
<b>Production</b>	14,000 cases made
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2022-2032
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<b>91 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2022 <b>92-94 points</b> - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - June 2020 <b>94 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022 <b>94-95 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020



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**17+ points** - James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com - June 2020  
**93 points** - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - June 2020  
**93 points** - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - January 2022  
**94 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022  
**92-94 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - June 2020  
**89-91 points** - Farr Vintners - May 2020  
**93 points** - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2022  
**92-94 points** - Neal Martin, Vinous - June 2020  
**93 points** - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2022  
**91-93 points** - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - June 2020  
**92 points** - Jeb Dunnuck MW - April 2022  
**92-94 points** - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2020  
**92 points** - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2020  
**92-94 points** - Yves Beck (score only) - June 2020  
**93 points** - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - June 2020  
**94-95 points** - Vert de Vin - April 2020  
**17.5 points** - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - September 2020

**Reviews** *"A floral, piercing style, with lilac, red currant, rooibos tea and iron notes allied as they race through the fresh finish. Shows lovely precision, in an unadorned style. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2032. 14,000 cases made."*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"The 2019 Les Pagodes de Cos (14.03% alcohol) is a blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc, aging in 20% new barriques. Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, notions of wild blueberries, boysenberries and redcurrant jelly come bounding out of the glass, followed by a profound core of warm cassis, licorice, and bouquet garni with a touch of cinnamon stick. Medium to full-bodied, the palate bursts with bright, expressive black and red fruit flavors, framed by firm, fine-grained tannins and loads of freshness, finishing on a lingering spicy note. (LPB)"*  
- LPB, Wine Advocate

*"This is very spicy and linear with fine tannins that run the length of the wine. It's medium-bodied with freshness and lovely length. Very classic in style. Closed at the end. Drink after 2025."*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"This is really minerally and salty with spices, such as cloves. Full-bodied, yet tight and beautiful. Chewy, yet focused and bright. Very integrated. Hard not to drink."*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"The powerful tannins of the wine show its considerable aging potential. The second wine of Cos d'Estournel, this is a great wine in its own right showing a rich structure and dark fruits."*  
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

*"55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot. Barrel sample. Poised, fresh and balanced with nothing in excess. Plenty of lift on the nose with berry fruit, mineral, and liquorice notes. Long and linear but with adequate flesh. Fine, persistent tannins. Juicy and harmonious. Ticks all the boxes. Drink 2026 – 2038."*  
- JL, JancisRobinson.com

*"Plump blackberry fruits, velvety texture, and evident tannins. An excellent wine that has sapidity and punch, a great combination that makes this extremely successful. 4% Petit Verdot completes the blend. Drinking Window 2024 – 2038."*  
- JA, Decanter.com

*"Plenty of tannins that are muscular and dense, clearly signposting a 2nd wine from a high-quality estate. Has grip and tension through the palate, with cocoa shavings and fresh acidities. There are black fruits here, a little subdued at the moment, but this is impressive."*  
- JA, Inside Bordeaux

**Reviews** *“Deeply colored, the wine is packed with layers of dark red fruits, 5 spice, smoke, tobacco leaf, cocoa and wet earth, with a hint of thyme in the background. The tannins are soft, ripe, and polished, giving you a well-structured backdrop for all the beautiful fruit that races over your palate with its freshness and silky tannins. This second wine could easily be a Grand Cru Classe' if another classification were to take place. Drink from 2024-2039.”*

- JL, [thewinecellarinsider.com](http://thewinecellarinsider.com)

*“Flowers, chocolate mint, spice, smoke, blackberry, cherry, and thyme create the aromatic profile. Elegant, silky, fresh, and showing gorgeous symmetry on the palate with its display of sweet, pure, red fruits and refined tannins, this is just fabulous. Clearly, Pagodes de Cos is now in competition for the top second wine in Bordeaux. Drink this young while waiting for the Grand Vin to develop. The wine blends 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 4% Merlot.”*

- JL, [thewinecellarinsider.com](http://thewinecellarinsider.com)

*“The 2019 is a blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot - all the Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot that normally go into Cos d'Estournel are found in Pagodes this year. Bright ruby colour, with fleshy red fruits and a little sweet spice on the nose. The palate is one of juicy summer pudding, with sappy tannins framing a core of red fruits. Fresh and vibrant acidity cleanses the palate on this lithe and crunchy style of 2019.”*

- Farr Vintners

*“The 2019 Les Pagodes de Cos has a vivacious bouquet featuring a mélange of blackberry and raspberry fruit that needs less time to settle in the glass compared to its primeur showing, and a light marine tang. The palate is beautifully balanced with superb salinity, quite Pauillac-like (still), with graphite/pencil lead toward the poised, persistent finish. This is an excellent Les Pagodes that is well worth a place in your cellar. 2024-2040.”*

- NM, Vinous

*“The 2019 Les Pagodes de Cos has an intriguing bouquet that takes time to settle in the glass. When it finally does, it reveals well-defined blackberry, raspberry and briary aromas, a touch of undergrowth/damp moss too. Where it really delivers is on the elegant palate framed by fine-boned tannins and a fine bead of acidity. A Pauillac-like, pencil lead tinged finish, that dare I say, is reminiscent of Lafite-Rothschild! This is well worth seeking out.”*

- NM, Vinous

*“The 2019 Les Pagodes de Cos is powerful and explosive, with real energy that builds over time. Black cherry, menthol, licorice, chocolate, and dried herbs are all kicked up. In 2019, the Pagodes offers striking power, breadth, and resonance. It's a gorgeous wine in every way. Drinking window: 2025 – 2039.”*

- AG, Vinous

*“The 2019 Les Pagodes de Cos is a powerful, tightly wound wine, its mid-weight structure notwithstanding. Grilled herbs, menthol, licorice, dried herbs and rose petal lend aromatic brightness. In this tasting, the 2019 comes across as a bit compact and nervous, which may be attributable to its recent racking. Even so, there is plenty of character. It will be interesting to see what time brings”*

- AG, Vinous

**Reviews**

*“The second wine of Cos D'Estournel, the 2019 Pagodes De Cos is a blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, with the balance Petit Verdot. It's classic Saint-Estèphe on the nose with its pure black and blue fruits as well as notes of damp earth, sappy tobacco, cedar pencil, and graphite. This carries to a medium-bodied, elegant 2019 with impeccable balance, ultra-fine tannins, no hard edges, and a great finish. The balance and purity are spot on, and this will drink nicely for over two decades. It's not far off the style of the 2018 and certainly in the same ballpark qualitatively.”*

- Jeb Dunnuck

*“Moving to the Saint-Estèphe releases, the 2019 Pagodes De Cos is based on 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and the rest Petit Verdot, which is very close to the blend of the 2018. It sports a vibrant purple color as well as classic Saint-Estèphe dark currant fruits interwoven with plenty of damp earth, cedar box, tobacco, and graphite. It's beautifully textured, medium to full-bodied, has silky tannins, and great balance. It's a serious second wine.”*

- Jeb Dunnuck

*“Dark ruby garnet, violet reflections, subtle lightening of the edges. A fine hint of liquorice and red heart cherries, nuances of cassis and bergamot are highlighted, subtle herbal spice. Juicy, silky texture, pleasant extract sweetness, ripe tannins, mineral-salty finish, a promising food accompaniment for years to come.”*

- Falstaff Magazine

*“The nose is fruity, aromatic, racy and offers power, a fine richness (beautifully controlled), power (in control), aromatic purity as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry, small notes of small red fruits/fleshy/juicy red berries associated with touches of juicy/pulpy violet plum, racy minerality/sense of the place as well as hints of zan, cloves, exotic spices, and very discreet hints of Cuban pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, harmonious and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a beautiful fruit (pulpy/juicy and acidulous), a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful construction, a beautiful delicate touch, a beautiful finesse of the suavity as well as a beautiful finesse of the guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy cassis, juicy/ripe small red berries, small notes of juicy/ripe blackberry associated with touches of crunchy gariguette strawberry, fleshy/juicy violet plum as well as hints of zan, chocolate, toasted almond, and a discreet hint of clove (in the background). Tannins are elegant and well-built. There is a saline/iodine hint of the finish. Sapidity and suavité on the finish/persistence. A persistence on hints of cocoa, almond, and vanilla pods. A beautiful, harmonious wine!”*

- Vert de Vin

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