

Château Côte Montpezat Cuvée Compostelle 2010

CSPC# 749545

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot

Appellation

Cotes de Castillon

General Info

Bought back in 1989, the Château Côte Montpezat is situated in Belvès de Castillon on the appellation of controlled origin Côtes de Castillon. The estate has been owned by Dominique Bessineau since 1989.

This wine is named after an old legend which says that those who listen closely inside the well at Château Côte Montpezat can hear the pilgrims of Saint Jacques de Compostelle. When crossing the grounds of this château, these pilgrims quenched their thirst in the well, and an ancient document of the XVII century attests this stopover.

Vintage

After a colder winter than the average and a cool, changeable spring, flowering occurred between 26 May and 16 June. Temperatures during July, August and September remain close to the seasonal average, with no extremes. As a result, ripening was relatively slow. The main characteristic of the weather in 2010 was the absence of very hot temperatures and the coolness at night, especially in August. The water deficit, particularly during the late season, was the main reason for the low yield of this vintage. The water balance was similar to the levels recorded in 2005 and lower than in 2009. The vintage benefitted from a very low level of phytosanitary pressure thanks to the perfect weather conditions throughout the year.

Vineyards

Usually aged from 27 to 30 years, on a clay and limestone earth and fully exposed to the southern sun, the vineyard is 30 hectares in size and is composed of a 70 % Merlot variety, 20 % Cabernet Franc and 10 % Cabernet Sauvignon. 40 Kms to the East of Bordeaux, in the prolonged area of the appellation Saint-Emilion. Here one will find the appellations Puisseguin Saint-Emilion and Côtes de Castillon. It is on this limestone and clay earth that are born the great wines we provide.

Harvest

100 % handpicked. Average yield: 49 hls / hectare

Maturation

12 months in barrels renewed by a third each year.

Tasting Notes

Red and blue fruit. Not as powerful at Croix-Mouton. Modern style. Full throttle.

Cellaring

Drink 2013-20168

Scores/Awards

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

89-92 points - James Molesworth Wine Spectator - Web Only 2011

90-91 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2011

88 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - May 1, 2013

87-90 points - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar - May/June 2011

16 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2011

16 points - Decanter.com - April 2011

90-91 points - Neil Mechanic, JJBuckley Wines - April 2011

Silver Medal - Concours de Bordeaux Vins d'Aquitaine 2012

Reviews

"Shows good vivacity, with loganberry, boysenberry and fig notes coursing along, offering lots of mouthwatering spice and a well-embedded licorice streak on the finish. The polished structure and ample length bode well for the cellar. Drink now through 2018."

- JM, Wine Spectator

"Focused, pure and very fresh, with delightful violet, anise and plum notes that glide through the lengthy finish. Really sleek. Score range: 89-92"

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"Dark tannins are sustained by juicy blackberry fruit flavors. While the wine is very dry and firm at this stage, it has a good, if long-term, future."

- RV, Wine Enthusiast



Reviews *"I like the core of fruit in this, with chocolate and berry character. Full and velvety. Love it."*
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Dark purple. Very fresh and dense and racy. A little bit of oak evident at this point but it should provide pleasure to Merlot fans."
- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"Good, full ruby-red. Very expressive, pristine aromas of maraschino cherry, plum, sage and licorice. Light, juicy and precise, with soft red and black fruit flavors complicated by dried herbs and spices. Finishes with substantial but smooth tannins."
- ST, International Wine Cellar

"A really enticing wine this year. Fresh, zesty with lovely crushed raspberry aroma and flavour. Fine, ripe tannins. Drink 2013-2018. (16 points) "
- Decanter.com

"70% merlot, 20% cabernet franc and 10% cabernet sauvignon. Subtle aromas of cassis and herbs, along with coffee and cola nut reveal themselves on the nose. The cabernet franc's herbaceous quality really shines, while the merlot emits a chocolate note that plays off the herbs. The cabernet sauvignon contributes aromas and flavors of cassis then reappears on the back end for a firm finish with medium tannins that keep it all together quite nicely. Drink over the next 2 to 8 years."
- NM, JJ Buckley Wines
