

Château Côte Montpezat Cuvée Compostelle 2011

CSPC# 764030

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

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| Grape Variety | 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot http://www.cote-montpezat.com/EN/ |
| Appellation | Cotes de Castillon |
| General Info | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| Vintage | The 2011 vintage was not nearly as even as 2009 or 2010, however Côtes de Castillon performed particularly well in 2011 thanks to the higher concentration of Merlot and heavier soils. |
| 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 | Bottled at the castle after 18 months of aging without fining or filtration. Barrels in which to mature red wines come from Lafite Rothschild, Smith Haut Laffite and Pape Clément and for white wines from Château d Yquem. |
| Tasting Notes | Each year, we select a set of plots that will produce the desired balance for this exceptional vintage. The quality of our local South Coast and shelf clay and limestone allow us to produce a wine worthy of a grand cru, where we find concentration, finesse and elegance. The 2011 is elegant, structured, rich, fruity, toasty and powerful. |
| Serve with | It will taste ideally at a temperature of 16 ° -18 ° with red meats, game, stews as lamprey, veal and hard cheese. It will be very pleasant to drink young, but its terroir allows a long aging between 10 and 15 years. |
| Cellaring | Drink 2013-20168. |
| Scores/Awards | <p>87 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2014</p> <p>86-89 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2012</p> <p>88 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #212 - April 2014</p> <p>87-88 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2012 (score only)</p> <p>86 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 1, 2014</p> <p>16.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2014</p> <p>14.5 points - Decanter.com - April 18, 2012</p> <p>84 points - Jean Marc Quarin - March 2012 (score only)</p> <p>Gold Medal - Concours de Bordeaux Vins d'Aquitaine 2013</p> |
| Reviews | <p><i>"Shows a mature profile, with singed wood, incense and mulled spice notes leading the way, backed by moderate plum and bitter cherry accents. The lightly woody frame holds the finish. Drink now. 3,750 cases made."</i></p> <p>- JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"This takes a slightly ambitious tack, with dark, spicy, anise-tinged aromas and fleshy blueberry paste and plum sauce flavors. The toast still sits a bit firmly on the finish, as this is a touch shy on flesh in the end. Score range: 86-89"</i></p> <p>- JM, Wine Spectator</p> |



Reviews *"A striking perfume of jammy strawberries, raspberries and flowers soars from the glass of this beautiful cuvee. The terrific aromatics are accompanied by a broad, flavorful mouthfeel. Medium-bodied and supple with lots of flavor intensity, this is another stunning offering from Castillon, whose limestone soils have certainly over-performed in 2011. A sleeper of the vintage, it can be enjoyed over the next 7-8 years."*
- RP, Wine Advocate

"This very rich, wood-aged wine is dense and powerful. The power takes away from the natural balance of a Bordeaux, giving dark tannins that dominate. Spice from the wood is also a strong element. It will round out but will remain very ripe."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Deep dark cherry colour. Very attractive soft herbal and tobacco notes and a touch floral, dark and dusty fruit. Great acidity, very soft texture. Rich and caressing but with freshness on the finish and a gentle grip on the very end."
- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"Medium-bodied with reasonably pleasant fruit and a drying finish. Drink 2014-2018."
- Decanter.com
