

# Château Robin 2010

CSPC# 756499

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

**Grape Variety**  
**Appellation**  
**General Info**

60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon  
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

Château Robin is a very old estate that was mentioned in the first edition of Guide Féretin 1874. Owned by the Caillé family since 2004, the property has twelve and a half hectares under production in Côtes de Castillon, part of the fabled Bordeaux region. Robert M. Parker, Jr. has this to say about the Côtes de Castillon in the fourth edition of his book, 'Bordeaux'. "Now the most fashionable of the satellite appellations [of Bordeaux], the Côtes de Castillon is a hotbed of activity as well as fertile hunting ground for a bevy of overachievers..."

Located east of Puisseguin-St.-Emilion, approximately 25 miles from Bordeaux, the appellation is named after the commune called Castillon-La-Bataille, which commemorates the Battle of Castillon. This 1453 battle marked the conclusion of the Hundred Years' War when the English Commander, Talbot, died during the defeat of his army.

As one of the older winemaking regions in the area, viticultural practices can be traced to Roman times. Appellation status was awarded in 1955 and there has been significantly more interest expressed in the wines as a lower-priced alternative to the wines of St.-Emilion."

**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 vintage benefitted from a very low level of phytosanitary pressure thanks to the perfect weather conditions throughout the year.

**Vineyards**

60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon.  
Average vine age is 40 years.

**Harvest**

By hand picking, with a severe sorting upon reception at the cellar.

**Vinification/  
Maturation**

Merlots: From October, 13st to October 15th, 2008; Cabernets: October 20th, 2008  
100% de-stemming, light crushing, pumping-over 2 to 3 times a day. Wine making in temperature controlled concrete tanks (from 3 to 6 weeks depending on the plot of land and grape variety). 12 months in: 1 yr old barrels: 19%; 2 yr old barrels: 25%  
Concrete Tanks: 56%. Type of oak (Low to medium Heat): French:87%; American:13%  
Final blending is carefully carried out to obtain a perfect harmony between the fruity and woody qualities.

**Tasting Notes**

Noble nose, fine, elegant, good minerality, refined spiciness, tobacco, due to high proportion of cabernet franc, paired with wild berries. Aged in oak, nice harmony. The palate is ample, frame of austere elegance. Very nice fruit, crunchy dark berries, really fresh cracked berries, almost a hint of cranberry and blackberry with plenty of ripe acidity. Tannins are nicely integrated, quite silky, not really a lot of oak to talk about although a hint of roasted coffee on the back of the palette. Persistent finish, with a gloss on the palette.

**Serve with**

Open 2 hours before and decant before serving. Eat now with a veal coast, entrecote or duck breast.

**Cellaring**

Drink now-2018. Although our terrain can produce wines with a great ageing potential, our goal is to make a richly concentrated luxuriant wine that is pleasing to the taste when enjoyed at a young age, meaning 2 or 3 years older than its vintage. The ageing potential of Chateau Robin remains nevertheless important, with a minimum of 15 years.



**Scores/Awards** **88 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2013  
**87-90 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2011  
**89-90 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2011  
**16 points** - Decanter.com - April 2011

**Reviews** *"A toasted, polished style, with friendly mocha and roasted vanilla notes allied seamlessly to creamy cassis, plum and blackberry fruit flavors. Offers a good, solid finish. Drink now through 2015."*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"A bright, floral, tangy style, with damson plum, kirsch and violet notes laced with a lively iron note. Score range: 87-90"*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"Refreshing and digestible medium-bodied wine with 40% Cabernet in the blend. Expressive, fruit driven nose. Succulent palate with a lively freshness. Well worked tannins. Drink 2013-2018. (16 points) "*  
- Decanter.com

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