
Château La Croix Figeac 2010

CSPC# 749820

750mlx12

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc

Appellation

St. Emilion

General Info

Located on the limestone plateau near Figeac and Cheval Blanc, Chateau La Croix Figeac is an ancient estate in Saint Emilion. It was somewhat dismembered during its history, but was able to retain excellent plots, including Lamarzelle, adjacent to the prestigious Chateau Figeac.

It benefits from a soil quality, well-drained, sandy alluvium consists of gravel and clay and limestone layer retains heat. Through a takeover of operations at the end of 90 years by John Dutruilh, former ski champion, and his father, himself an experienced grower, and meticulous work of the vine by their teams, quality wines of this area has made great strides in recent years.

Although taken over by Jean Dutruilh (who was skiing champion before becoming a talented winemaker) and his father, that little thought has a high-quality soil, near Figeac and Cheval Blanc. The style of wines Figeac Cross focuses on a search for balance and elegance. The thought never goes into power, but recent vintages show a clear progression in terms of depth and longer.

Vineyards

The vineyard, south-facing vineyard has 35 years of middle age, whose performance is limited voluntarily. The vineyard consists of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc.

Vinification/ Maturation

Twenty-one to twenty-five-day fermentation and maceration in temperature controlled wooden vats. Malolactic in vat or in barrels depending upon the vintage. Eighteen months aging in new oak barrels. Fining, no filtration.

Tasting Notes

Nice wine smoothly, ripe fruit, with fine tannins, a limited power, but excellent drinkability.

Serve with

Serve with a rubbed grilled rack of lamb, Greek roasted lamb shanks, red wine braised winter vegetables.

Cellaring

Drink 2013-2023

Scores/Awards

90-93 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2011

91-92 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - Web Only 2011 (no review)

89 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #205 - February 2013

86-88 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - May 2011

Reviews

"Dark and winey, with lots of crushed plum, braised fig and cassis notes pumping along. There's a nice graphite spine and solid drive on the black tea-tinged finish. Score range: 90-93."

- JM, Wine Spectator

"The 2010 is a solid effort from this estate, which has a terroir with very promising potential. Opaque ruby/plum/purple, with notes of black cherries, crushed rocks and spring flowers, this medium to full-bodied wine exhibits excellence ripeness, texture and purity. Drink it over the next decade."

- RP, Wine Advocate

"This has a very rich bouquet, opulent ripe red cherries, blueberry and creamy new oak. Good definition. The palate is medium bodied with rounded tannins on the entry, a lot of new oak again with some hardness on the finish. Hopefully it will offer more post-bottling. Tasted April 2011."

- NM, Wine Journal

