

Château Péby Faugères 2020

CSPC# 888292

750mlx6

15.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	100% Merlot
Appellation	Saint Emilion
Classification	Premier Grand Cru Classe B
Website	http://www.chateau-peby-faugeres.com/
Sustainability	Organic Farming. With the 2020 vintage, Château PÉBY FAUGÈRES has demonstrated its commitment to respecting nature by obtaining Organic Agriculture and HEV level 3 certification.
General Info	<p>Located six kilometres east of St Emilion, the history of the nine-hectare Chateau Faugères can be traced back to at least 1823, when it came into the possession of the Guisez family. There it stayed until very recently, having been inherited in 1987 by Pierre-Bernard Guisez – aka Péby – and his wife Corrine, who together produced wines from the St Emilion and Cotes de Castillon appellations, eventually with assistance from consultant Michel Rolland.</p> <p>When Péby died aged just 52, Corrine and the couple's daughters kept the estate going, even creating a super-cuvee in his honour: Péby-Faugères, which is regarded by many more highly than the estate's Grand Vin.</p> <p>In 2005, the family sold the estate to Swiss businessman Silvio Denz, who had already established a history in vineyard investment, and under his supervision in 2009 the estate underwent a complete renovation, making it one of the most architecturally stunning, state-of-the-art winemaking facilities in the Right Bank. This, coupled with the estate's exceptional clay and limestone soil, helped propel Chateau Faugères to new heights, and in 2012 the estate earned Grand Cru Classe classification.</p>
Winemaker	Michel Rolland consultant
Vintage	<p>2020 was a highly contrasted vintage that got off to a difficult start. The year began with an exceptionally rainy winter followed by a very mild spring. In this context, protecting the vines against mildew and managing the soil was a real struggle. The first miracle appeared in mid-May, with dry and warm conditions during one of the earliest flowerings we have seen, two weeks ahead of schedule. The second miracle was on 19 June when the rain stopped, and the weather turned dry and cool until the beginning of the grape colour-change in mid-July. It is at this point in time that summer settled in for good, with some spells of heat through to mid-August when thunderstorms provided some relief and allowed the Merlot grapes to swell. The later-ripening Cabernets remained the size of blueberries until harvest, and the Merlots will ripe slowly until mid-September. The result was a vintage harvested about ten days early, mostly in sunny conditions. Both the Merlot and Cabernet were tannic, colourful and perfectly balanced. The grapes quickly expressed an intense aromatic expression in the vats.</p>
Vineyards	Péby-Faugères is a blend of the wines from Chateau Faugères' best plots of land. The Chateau Faugères estate covers 9 hectares, located in Saint Emilion on clay-limestone soils. The vines are 100% Merlot and are on average 40 years old.
Harvest	<p>Dates unknown.</p> <p>In addition to the rigorous standards, it shares with the other Vignobles Silvio Denz properties, this St.-Émilion Grand Cru Classé has a policy of prioritizing quality over quantity. Every year, the harvest is subject to a draconian selection process, resulting in a highly reduced production of just 18 hectoliters per hectare. The annual 12,000 bottles of this 100% Merlot nectar are never enough to satisfy demand.</p>
Vinification/ Maturation	Traditional viticulture methods are used, such as green harvesting, leaf pruning and manual picking. When selecting the grapes, two sorting tables are used to ensure the best possible quality. Maturation is conducted over 18 months in 100% new French oak barrels.



Tasting Notes	<p>Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Powerful and opulent nose with multi-layered fruit, ripe plums, juicy blackberries, Boysenberries and elderberry jam, hints of sloe in the background. Refined toasting aroma with hints of dark chocolate, cocoa, and mocha.</p> <p>Oriental spices and aromatic herbs in the background. On the palate ripe, almost sweet tannins, lush fruit, and dark chocolate, refined oriental spices. A great with freshness, displaying an excellent evolution on the palate, excellent depth, and length.</p>
Serve with	<p>Chateau Péby-Faugères is best paired with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes. Chateau Péby-Faugères is also good when matched with Asian dishes, rich fish courses like tuna, mushrooms, and pasta.</p>
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Cellaring	<p>Drink 2027-2050</p>
Scores/Awards	<p>94-96+ points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - May 2021</p> <p>95 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent (score only) - March 2023</p> <p>97-98 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2021</p> <p>97 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2023</p> <p>98-100 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2021</p> <p>89 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (score only) - April 2021</p> <p>90-92 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - April 2021</p> <p>94-96+ points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - May 2021</p> <p>86 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - April 2021</p> <p>95-96 points - Yves Beck - June 2021</p> <p>94-96 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2021</p> <p>16 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - September 2021</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"The 2020 Péby Faugères sports a deep purple-black color and pronounced notes of blueberry preserves, plum pudding and Christmas cake, followed by hints of licorice, Indian spices, and sandalwood with a waft of wild mushrooms. The full-bodied palate is jam-packed with concentrated black fruit preserves, framed by super firm, ripe, grainy tannins, and tons of freshness, finishing very long and spicy. This wine has all the volume nobs turned to maximum—and it works! Definitely one for the hedonists, though."</i></p> <p>- LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Soft and round with lots of blackberry and blueberry characters. Some chocolate undertones. It's full and flavorful with loads going on. Juicy finish. Very pretty polish and intensity. The tannin quality is really exceptional. It goes on and on."</i></p> <p>- JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"Almost completely opaque in color, the wine is fully-packed with countless layers of perfectly ripe, opulently textured, deep, dark fruits. Powerful, yet balanced, with a palate-staining, seamless finish loaded with perfectly ripe, dark red, velvet-textured, pit fruits with a gorgeous sense of purity that builds, expands, and lingers for over 50 seconds. This is already stunning, but its best days are yet to come. Drink from 2025-2050."</i></p> <p>- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com</p> <p><i>"Opaquely colored, the fruit here matches the color. Dark, dense, and intense, the wine is packed with licorice, black and blue fruit, chocolate, smoke, and espresso. Powerful, sensual, rich, and frankly decadent, with a 60 second finish, this is the type of wine Caligula would serve at dinner."</i></p> <p>- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com</p> <p><i>"The 2020 Péby-Faugères is ripe and plush on the nose of macerated black cherries, crème de cassis and violet scents; there's a lot of new oak present, although it seems in sync with the fruit. The palate is medium bodied with succulent ripe black fruit, sweet morello cherries and a dash of black pepper. Plush and quite decadent on the finish, in keeping with its style. I will be the contrarian as ever and not for the first time, pin my colors to the mast of the 2020 Faugères as my pick over Péby-Faugères, though hedonists will think otherwise. Anticipated maturity: 2024-2044."</i></p> <p>- NM, Vinous</p>

Review *“The 2020 Château Péby Faugères is a rich, modern, full-bodied, sexpot of a wine that offers more hedonistic pleasure than most in the vintage. Beautiful currant and blackberry fruit as well as graphite, chocolate, and roasted herb notes define the nose, and it brings the power on the palate, with a great mid-palate, velvety, seamless tannins, and a great, great finish. If you need a wine that will put a smile on your face, this is it.”*
- Jeb Dunnuck

“Deep dark ruby garnet, inky, opaque core, violet reflections, delicate lightening of the edges. Intense black fruit, ripe blackberries and heart cherries, a fine note of figs, some nougat and candied orange zest are underlined, attractive bouquet. Complex, powerful, juicy black berries, present, ripe tannins, spicy and salty minerals on the finish, very good length, arouses great expectations for the future.”
- PM, Falstaff Magazine

“Intense bouquet, marked by its aging with warm notes and black berries. On the palate the wine is dense, fat, and charming. He has nerve and gentleness. A powerful wine, inviting that strikes by its power but also its ability to seduce. He has muscle and finesse, which is a challenge in itself! 2027-2045.”
- Yves Beck
