
Château Tausinat L'Hermitage 2009

CSPC# 749826

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc

Appellation

St. Emilion

General Info

The Hermitage Castle Tausinat is "one of the oldest wines of the region," we read in the first Feret. Its name originates from the Pyrenean oak, famous for truffles that grow at their feet. The story mentions this property in 1670, then built the house, in the eighteenth century becomes the property of Count Amédée Jacques Carles, lieutenant general of the armies of the King. Acquired in 1953 by the Moueix family, Tausinat Hermitage has continued to produce wines recognized and appreciated. His first medal at the Exposition Universelle of 1889 was followed by numerous other awards. The latest adventure Tausinat is contemporary. If nature has, historically, privileged terroir, history has long been the private chapel which adorned it. Catherine Moueix and his children have decided to rebuild on the site of former area, modern facilities, perfectly integrated into the landscape.

Vineyards

This beautiful area of 9 hectares, while ribs and plates, covers two municipalities, Saint Christopher and Saint Hippolyte Bard. Planted 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc, the vines are conducted in guyot simple and worked in the great respect for tradition: Short pruning, thinning and leaf removal permit to harvest a grape perfectly healthy and focused. Average age of vines: 30 years. The soil is clay and limestone on limestone bedrock in starfish. Density: 6000 vines / Ha.

Harvest

The harvest is done by hand and fully mature before a sorting of the grapes in the vat. A long fermentation allows the optimum extraction of tannins and anthocyanins, known for their beneficial properties.

Vinification/ Maturation

Stemming full, gentle pressing, long fermentation at controlled temperature. The wines are sung after the hot fermentation to malolactic fermentation in barrels. Ageing 12 to 15 months in oak barrels from central France renewed by thirds every year. Fining with egg white. Bottling at the Château.

Tasting Notes

The 2009 Chateau Tausinat L'Hermitage shows beautiful aromas of blackberry and dark fruits along with tobacco leaf, char and florals. This has elegance and it's just really soft and silky on the palate straight through the finish.

Cellaring

Drink 2012-2020

Scores/Awards

90-93 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2010

86 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #199 - February 2012

Reviews

"So, perfumed and pretty on the nose, with flowers and sweet berry. Full-bodied, with a silky texture, fine tannins and a balance of attractive fruit. Score range: 90-93 –JS"

- JS, Wine Spectator

"This is a straightforward, somewhat monolithic, but cleanly made St. Emilion with notes of red and black fruits, earth and licorice. Some herbs and soil undertones are also present in this medium-bodied wine, which is best drunk over the next 7-8 years."

- RP, Wine Advocate

