

Pagodes de Cos 2018

CSPC# 847787

750mlx6

14.51% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	Saint- Estèphe
Classification	2nd wine of Ch Cos d'Estournel
Website	http://www.estournel.com/en/cos/wines/#wines-pagodes-de-cos
General Info	<p>Chateau Cos d'Estournel makes a second wine , Les Pagodes de Cos, which was first produced with the 1994 vintage. Originally, the second wine was called Marbuzet. The majority of the fruit came from their vineyard called Marbuzet, hence the name. The name was changed after both properties were purchased by Michel Reybier. Today, the grapes used in the second wine, Les Pagodes de Cos can from time to time, include fruit from Marbuzet, their other estate in St. Estèphe, as well as grapes from young vines and declassified wine intended for Cos d'Estournel. Since 2005, Les Pagodes de Cos has morphed into one of the better second wines in all of Bordeaux. On average, Les Pagodes de Cos is aged in 40% new, French oak barrels.</p>
Winemaker	Jean-Guillaume Prats - winemaker
Vintage	<p>"Grandiose," "immense," "exceptionally balanced": to describe the 2018 vintage of Cos d'Estournel, only superlatives will do.</p> <p>The 2018 growing season was characterized by a series of wonderfully contrasted meteorological events during which the magnificent terroir of Cos d'Estournel again and again demonstrated its incredible ability to adapt. The 2018 vintage is the result of two distinct yet highly complementary periods: a cold, wet winter was followed by the warm, dry summer we had been hoping for. Unexpectedly enough, despite a delayed growing cycle through June, harvest took place on the early side.</p> <p>The dedication and experience of our men and women proved crucial and decisive at every stage of the winegrowing and winemaking process, resulting in a vintage of a rare quality. Their intimate understanding of the vineyard led them to limit leaf thinning during very damp weather, a decision that proved wise given the elevated temperatures that were to follow, as did that to plough more intensely and frequently than usual to allow the soil to collect water and limit evaporation</p>
Vineyards	<p>The vineyard of Cos spreads around the château on 91 hectares. The Cabernet Sauvignon vines (60% of the vineyard) find the soil of their choice in the thin layers of gravely soil situated on the top and on the southern slopes of the hill. On the other hand, the Merlot vines (40% of the vineyard) excel on the eastern slopes and on the slopes where the Saint- Estèphe limestone bed shows on the surface. The percentage of Cabernet and Merlot varies from one vintage to another according to the year weather conditions, benefiting successively to the one or the other. Plantation is extremely dense (8000 to 10000 vines per hectare) and the average age of the vineyard is high (35 years old on the average) in order to enable the roots to extend excessively and to obtain a very slender yield per vine that will create the "Grand Goût" Only the wines coming from over 20 years old vines will have the name of Château Cos d'Estournel.</p>
Harvest	Dates unknown
Maturation	Matured in 50% new oak
Tasting Notes	<p>Pagodes de Cos 2018 combines a nose of eucalyptus and spices with magnificent aromas of juicy red and black berries and wonderful fullness. Silky tannins find lovely balance against the vintage's great freshness.</p> <p>Pagodes de Cos continues to enchant us from one year to the next with its outstanding qualities and the discreetly seductive, refined 2018 vintage is no exception.</p>



Serve with The wines from Chateau Cos d'Estournel is best served at 17-18 degrees Celsius. As they continue to warm up in the glass, they will release their full palette of aromas and reveal their most subtle, delicate nuances. Older vintages might need very little decanting, just enough to remove the sediment. Best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted braised and grilled dishes.

Production 8,330 cases made.

Cellaring Drink 2022-2032

Scores/Awards **92 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - January 2021
93 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - March 2021
93-95 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - April 2019
95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2021
94-95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2019
94 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - April 1, 2021
17 points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - April 2019
92 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - November 2020
92 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2019
94 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2021
93-95 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2019
15.5 points - Farr Vintner - April 2019
90 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - March 2021
88-90 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - November 2019
91-94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2019
92+ points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - March 2021
92-94 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - May 2019
17+ points - Matthew Jukes, MW - April 2019
94 points - Falstaff Magazine (score only) - February 2021
92 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - March 2019
16 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - June 2019

Reviews *"This has some alluring fruit, with a mix of creamed plum and loganberry infused with singed wood spice and alder notes. Stylish, with a flash of dark earth on the otherwise polished finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2032. 8,330 cases made."*
- JM, Wine Spectator

"The 2018 Les Pagodes de Cos (14.51% alcohol) is a blend of 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc, aging in 20% new barriques. Deep garnet-purple in color, it bursts from the glass with bold notions of Morello cherries, blackcurrant pastilles, plum preserves, and spice cake with suggestions of pencil shavings and bouquet garni. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is jam-packed with spicy black fruits, framed by velvety tannins and seamless freshness, finishing on a lingering savory note. Drink: 2022-2036."
- LPB, Wine Advocate

"The 2018 Les Pagodes de Cos (14.51% alcohol) is a blend of 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc, aging in 20% new barriques. Deep purple-black in color, it practically explodes from the glass with rambunctious notions of baked black cherries, plum preserves, and crème de cassis with hints of cigar box, fungi, tilled soil and woodsmoke plus a touch of crushed rocks. The full-bodied palate delivers mouth-coating black fruit preserves with a beautiful earthy undercurrent and a rock-solid frame of grainy tannins, finishing with fantastic length. A very serious second wine! Should age incredibly."
- LPB, Wine Advocate

"Pure aromas of currants, plums, cherries and Spanish cedar follow through to a full body with super concentration of fruit, yet forever polished and long. A cylinder of wonderfully ripe fruit and tannin's goes on for minutes. This needs at least three or four years to soften and begin to come together. Super second wine. Try after 2027."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"This is so beautiful with very fresh and ripe fruit at the same time. Medium-to full-bodied. Rich and layered. The accessibility and forwardness is so enticing in this second wine. Best Pagodes ever?"
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

“This latest release has richness and luscious black fruits that dominate the underlying firmer tannic structure. It is a proper second wine in the sense that it will age well over the medium term, giving drinking pleasure from 2024.”

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

Reviews

“54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc. Barrel sample. Dark core with purple rim. Sweeter and spicier than the Goulée (Cos's Médoc wine) just tasted. Bramble and mulberry fragrance. Excellent freshness and finesse in the tannins, dry, compact but lifted by the scented fruit and unusual brightness. Powerful and chalky on the finish. Very good balance already. Long and classy. (JH)”

- JH, JancisRobinson.com

“Ripe fruits of fig and damson that could do with a little more juice in between but this has lots of tannins and lots of black fruits concentrated with St-Estèphe power. Drinking Window 2026 – 2038”

- JA, Decanter.com

“Full of liquorice and dark chocolate, the nose is immediately seductive. This is a second wine that's full of fleshy, sexy, bright fruit and real elegance. It's a lovely wine, if clearly marked by the generosity of the vintage. The 30hl/ha yield was affected by a mix of mildew and some concentration in September. To control extractions, they macerated at a lower temperature of 27-28°C. As with the grand vin, this is aged in 20% new oak, down a little on the usual amount. 3% Petit Verdot completes the blend. Drinking Window 2024 - 2036.”

- JA, Decanter.com

“Spicy red fruits, smoke, licorice, black plums and wet earth come to the perfume with ease. Silky, fresh, soft, and sweet on the palate, the wine is just great. The red berry finish lingers along with spice-box and a hint of mint. This second wine could easily be a Grand Cru Classe' if another classification were to take place. Drink this young while waiting for the Grand Vin to develop.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“With its powerful display of ripe, dark fruits, the wine is packed with sweet, lush, juicy blackberry, espresso, oak and spice-box notes. The texture, complexity and length are there as well. This is one of the top second wines in Bordeaux today. Drink this young while waiting for the Grand Vin to develop.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“Deep ruby in colour, with a creamy nose of cherries, vanilla and cassis. The palate is juicy and plump but still firm with mouthcoating tannins. This adds weight and harmony, as do the waves of vibrant acidity. The spice builds onto the finish, with a lightly toasty char, but this is well integrated into the fruit and adds a savoury complexity.”

- Farr Vintners

“The 2018 Pagodes de Cos has quite a precise bouquet of exuberant black cherries, kirsch and violet aromas, aromatics that want to make an impression. It retains just about enough delineation. The palate is medium bodied with grippy tannin's, and slightly granular in texture, with a bit of chewiness on the finish. But there is plenty of freshness here and it lingers on the aftertaste. Give this 2–3 years to cohere. Drinking window: 2022 – 2030.”

- NM, Vinous

“The 2018 Pagodes de Cos, which sees 20% new oak, offers ripe kirsch, fig and blackcurrant aromas on the precocious nose although it just about remains focused and delineated. The palate is sweet and chewy on the entry, though it manages to develop finer tannins and a degree of finesse towards the liquorice-tinged finish. There is a long spicy aftertaste here, slightly Asian in style, perhaps with just a hint of soy lingering in the mouth. Fine.2022-2030”

- NM, Vinous

Reviews *“The 2018 Les Pagodes de Cos is fabulous. Rich, dark and explosive, Pagodes captures all of the natural intensity of the vintage. Black cherry, leather, cedar, scorched earth and grilled herbs all blossom in a dark, somber wine loaded with class. Huge, ripe fruit and equally large-scaled tannins result in a Pagodes that, if anything, may be too serious for a second wine. In 2018, Pagodes is equal to or better than the top wines from many other châteaux. The blend is 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc.”*
- AG, Vinous

“The second wine of Cos D'Estournel is the 2018 Pagodes De Cos, which checks in as 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, and the rest Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. A young, unevolved yet beautifully pure bouquet of cassis, graphite, damp earth, and cedar gives way to a medium to full-bodied, concentrated, yet fresh, focused Saint-Estèphe that will benefit from 3-5 years of bottle age, and I've no doubt it will still be drinking nicely at age 20. While a lot of second wines are made in a more up-front, charming, ready-to-go style, this has a more serious, age-worthy vibe. It's a serious wine.”
- Jeb Dunnuck

“The true second wine of the estate, the 2018 Pagodes De Cos is sensational stuff and clocks in at 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, and the rest Cabernet Franc that saw slightly more new oak than usual. Blueberries, cassis, crushed violets, and classy oak all flow to a medium to full-bodied effort that has incredible class and elegance as well as texture. Fresh, clean, and beautifully balanced, it's a terrific wine in its own right.”
- Jeb Dunnuck

“(54 Cabernet Sauvignon, 37 Merlot, 6 Petit Verdot, 3 Cabernet Franc) | 20% new oak | 14.5% alc | 30 hl/ha | 33% production goes into this wine | 72 IPT. Rather controlled, a little quiet and introverted, rather in the shadow of the Grand Vin and rather closed and reticent, too. I am sure that this will unravel and show its charms in due course.”
- MJ, matthewjukes.com
