

Pagodes de Cos 2021

CSPC# 102911

750mlx12

12.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Saint- Estèphe
Classification	2nd wine of Ch Cos d'Estournel
Website	http://www.estournel.com/en/cos/wines/#wines-pagodes-de-cos
Sustainability	Cos d'Estournel was certified HVE (High Environmental Value) in 2019 and ISO 14001 in 2020. These certifications recognize our ongoing commitment to implementing environmentally responsible processes over the last two decades. However, the long-term vision for the vineyard can also be seen in the minds of those who, day after day, tend to its preservation.
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. The joy and spontaneity of moments shared with loved ones. An impromptu lunch with friends is the perfect occasion to open a bottle of Pagodes de Cos. It is reminiscent of the simple pleasures of life, like homemade blackcurrant syrup, a bowl of just-picked red cherries or a freshly opened jar of citrus jam. Pagodes de Cos is at once indulgent, comforting, and vivacious, like a carefree conversation with family or friends in a familiar place.</p>
Winemaker	Jean-Guillaume Prats - winemaker
Vintage	<p>After a rainy winter, even with close to 600 mm of rain, 2021 Saint Estèphe still began the year with 15% less moisture than they experienced in 2020. After a warm, and sunny February, conditions changed rapidly in April with frost conditions on April 7 and 8. Vineyards not situated close to the water, or on the slopes experienced crop loss. After a rapid but uneven flowering, the summer was relatively cool, and wet, which brought about risks of mildew. Things improved in mid-August which aided in vigneron were much happier at the potential of the vintage.</p>
Vineyards	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.
Harvest	September 23 to October 7
Maturation	Matured in 50% new oak
Tasting Notes	From its creation in 1994, Pagodes de Cos has been produced from grapes grown on a clearly identified terroir whose vines are forty years old on average. Each vintage is an excellent introduction to the style of Cos d'Estournel. True to the spirit of Pagodes de Cos, the 2021 vintage is succulent, serious, and sophisticated, a wine that is delightful from a young age. Pronounced notes of blueberry, redcurrant, and strawberry are complemented by smoky, chocolate aromas and a touch of cinnamon that lend a certain complexity, making for a round, elegant, immensely enjoyable wine.



Serve with Wine is a living thing. After aging in the barrel, it continues to evolve in the bottle, year after year. To fully appreciate the aromas of the wines of Cos d'Estournel, we suggest following a few simple rules. Ideally, wines should be stored in a clean room between 12°C and 15°C and at about 80% humidity. Pagodes de Cos will develop complex aromas that will vary according to the characteristics of each vintage and evolve with time. Proper service will allow these qualities to express themselves completely. The youngest vintages—those produced after 2010—should be decanted at least one hour before tasting. Aeration will help bring the spirit and passion of each wine into focus, so its potential can be fully revealed. We recommend opening vintages produced prior to 2010 about one hour before serving, without decantation, so their aromas may be released gently. We recommend serving wines between 15°C and 16°C. As they continue to warm up in the glass, they will release their full palette of aromas and reveal their most subtle, delicate nuances.

Production 12,000 cases made.

Cellaring Drink 2022-2035

Scores/Awards **90 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - December 2023
91 points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - February 2024
90-92 points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022
89-90 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - May 2022
93 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - January 2024
92-93 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2022
16 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - June 2022
90 points - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - March 2022
90 points - Jane Anson, janeanson.com - May 2022
92 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2024
90-92 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2022
91 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (score only) - April 2022
87-90 points - Thomas Parker, Farr Vintners - April 2022
90 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2024
89-91 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - May 2022
90 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2024
91-94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - May 2022
89-91 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2022
17 points - Matthew Jukes - August 2022
92 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - April 2022
92 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2022
94 points - Vert de Vin - July 2022

Reviews *"Sleek and fresh, with a core of damson plum and red cherry notes that easily absorb the vintage's austere edge, letting savory and iris accents dart through prettily on the finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2030. 12,000 cases made."*
- JM, Wine Spectator

"The 2021 Les Pagodes de Cos is a strong effort, offering up aromas of cassis, charcoal, dark berries, and cigar wrapper, followed by a medium to full-bodied, sweet and fleshy palate that's quite rich and extracted, concluding with a saline finish. It's a blend of 60% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot. 2025 – 2035."
- WK, Wine Advocate

"Impressively rich and concentrated for a second wine in this vintage, the 2021 Les Pagodes de Cos delivers notes of raspberries, spiced plums and violets, followed by a medium to full-bodied, velvety and salted palate framed by ripe tannins and lively acids."
- WK, Wine Advocate

"Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, the 2021 Pagodes de Cos shoots out with notions of freshly crushed blackberries, redcurrants, and cassis, plus hints of Sichuan pepper, dusty soil, tobacco, and spice box. Light to medium-bodied, the palate delivers a good intensity of herbs-laced black fruits with a firm grainy texture and a long refreshing finish. The blend is 60% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Petit Verdot. 2025-2040."
- LPB, Wine Independent

Reviews *"I like the currant, spice, white pepper, and cedar aromas here that follow through to a medium body and pretty core of fruit with currants, tobacco, chocolate and cedar. 60% merlot, 36% cabernet sauvignon, 3% cabernet franc and 1% petit verdot. Needs two or three years to soften."*

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Blackberry and blueberry aromas and flavors with black licorice and asphalt. Medium-bodied with round, lightly chewy tannins, and a juicy finish. A little fluid in the mid-palate. Bright and focused at the end. 60% merlot, 36% cabernet sauvignon, 3% cabernet franc and 1% petit verdot."

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"60% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot. Cask sample. Dark- and red-berry aromas. Medium-bodied, round, and juicy but lacks some intensity. Firm tannins with a bit of bite on the finish so some structure. May develop but not much excitement at present. 12.5%. Drink 2027 – 2035."

- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"Grape typicity on the nose, vanilla bean, lemon grass and orange - juicy and lively, so fresh. It's light but poised, not massive in terms of weight or fat, this is streamlined and succulent but direct, there's no messing around here. Sharp and direct with crushed stone lingering while the lemon, bitter grapefruit and creamy apricot settle on the tongue. Racy, I like it."

- GH, Decanter.com

"Visually the texture is attractive, supple, inviting. This is different to the character than you have found in Pagodes over recent years, the acidity is clearly more present through the tannins, which appear at the front of the mouth. But there are plenty of vivid blue fruits, together with bitter chocolate character, this is classically balanced, enjoyable, old school, successful in the vintage and suggests again that St Estèphe is a high spot in 2021, because so few 2nd wines have performed this well. 30% new oak, harvest September 23 to October 7."

- JA, janeanson.com

"Flowers, currants, espresso, cocoa, smoke, and licorice fill the perfume. Medium-bodied, lifted, soft, elegant, and polished, the wine is up-beat, spicy and chalky on the palate with peppery, chocolate-accented currants that round out the finish. The wine blends 60% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot. Drink from 2024-2040."

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"Medium-bodied, fresh, vibrant, soft, and sweet, the wine is focused on its core of spiced red fruits with its hints of cigar box and savory notes on the nose, palate and dark red pit fruit filled, round, polished finish. The wine blends 60% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot. Drink from 2023-2038."

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"Most of the Merlot of Cos can be found here in 2021. The blend is 60% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot. The abv is 12.49% and it will be aged in 25% new oak. Mid ruby colour. Slightly smudge cherry and hedgerow fruit on the nose. There is a herbal tone too, that is equally prominent on the palate. Crunchy and lithe, this is a midweight and compact example with savoury, earthy tones to compete with cool red fruit. Sandy tannins and cedar linger on the finish."

- TP, Farr Vintners

"The 2021 Les Pagodes de Cos, which represents around half the chateau's production, has meliorated on the nose since I tasted it from barrel, developing a little more charm and swagger in its mixture of black and red fruit, graphite, and mocha. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannins, quite strict and linear, but at least there is ample freshness here. Saline on the finish and classic in style, the 2021 is just missing a bit of length. Fine."

- NM, Vinous

Reviews

“The 2021 Les Pagodes de Cos, matured in 25% new oak, offers high-toned black fruit and touches of violet on the nose, which is perhaps just missing some amplitude at the moment. The solid palate is medium-bodied with firm tannins on the entry, a touch of graphite and white pepper, firm grip, and a little spice on the finish. A structured Pagodes, just rather forceful at the moment. It should gain more grace during élevage.”

- NM, Vinous

“The 2021 Les Pagodes de Cos is a big, potent wine. A blast of plum, blackberry, espresso, chocolate and licorice is dialed up to the maximum. Readers will find an explosive, almost shockingly full-throttle wine for the year. This feels a bit bombastic to me.”

- AG, Vinous

“The 2021 Les Pagodes de Cos is a gorgeous second wine. Blackberry, gravel, spice, menthol, and licorice all run through the 2021, a wine that is marked by notable freshness and bright acids. Beams of supporting tannin give the wine its energy. There is plenty of Merlot-driven richness, but I suspect the 2021 will need a few years to come together. It is far from an easygoing second wine, that much is pretty clear.”

- AG, Vinous

“Including lots of Merlot, the 2021 Pagodes De Cos is 60% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 1% Verdot brought up in 25% new barrels. It's another deeply hued effort with ripe red and black fruits as well as floral, violets, and graphite notes. Medium-bodied, elegant, and nicely balanced, it's a rather firm, focused Pagodes that will round into form with a few years of bottle age.”

- Jeb Dunnuck

“Pagodes is as classy as the Grand Vin, and while it is a more forward wine, it is controlled, luxurious and already impressively lip-smacking. Not too tannic or too acid-pinned, this is a sophisticated style packed with black fruit and unmistakable Cos DNA. 17.”

- Matthew Jukes

“Deep dark ruby red, opaque core, narrow rim with purple hues. Delicate aromas of figs, black cherries, and a hint of plums; bouquet is clearly accented by Merlot. Juicy, fruit sweetness, ripe tannins, chocolate nuances, mineral-salty finish; a versatile food companion.”

- PM, Falstaff Magazine

“The nose is fresh, racy and reveals good definition, freshness, precision, and a fine straightness. There are notes of bright wild blackcurrant, violet plum and a hint of racy minerality combined with hints of sweet spice and fresh nutmeg. The palate is fresh, mineral and offers juiciness, minerality, good definition, a certain gourmandize, roundness, silkiness, a very discreetly tight grain, an acidulous/mineral framework, harmony, and a nice finesse in its roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy blackberry, bright blackcurrant and more slightly raspberry combined with a touch of fresh/juicy cherry, hints of nutmeg, vanilla, a subtle hint of juicy violet plum as well as discreet hints of fresh blond tobacco, graphite, a subtle touch of camphor and chocolate. The tannins are precise, mellow, and well managed. Good length.”

- Vert de Vin
