CHATEAU
FOURCAS HOSTEN

Vintage 2020

Pure finesse

The rainy and mild winter accelerates bud breaking. Spring settles in the duration with, in its first part, almost 3 weeks in advance. The vines require a particularly intense rhythm until blooming. A one-week weather window with mild conditions favours a very beautiful flower, fast and perfectly homogeneous. The drought reduces the mildew pressure. A rain is welcome mid-August to de-stress the vine for a balanced ripening. The berries are exceptionally small and concentrated.
The profile offers tension and a refined structure, with elegant tannins.

Grape harvest dates (10 days)

- Merlot: from September 21st to 30th (7 days)
- Cabernet Sauvignon: from September 29th to October 2d (4 days)
- Petit Verdot: September 28th (1 day)
- Cabernet Franc: September 30th (1 day)

Blending

- 58 % Merlot
- 40 % Cabernet Sauvignon
- 1 % Petit Verdot
- 1 % Cabernet Franc

Yield

20 hl/ha

Production

80,000 bottles (estimated)

Alcoholic degree

12.5 % Vol.

UNDER CONVERSION TO ORGANIC: Y-1

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Millésime 2020

Press Review

Wine Enthusiast Roger Voss – April 2021 / Score: 92-94/100
Barrel Sample. The wine from this estate is now revealing the results of the investment in recent years. This is seriously structured, dense with a quality of tannins that is very fine. The crisp black currant fruits will develop well together with the firmer framework.

James Suckling – April 2021 / Score: 91-92/100
A tight, linear red with chewy tannins that are fine-grained. Bright acidity and a fruity finish. Plenty of tension and tightness.

Vinous Neal Martin – April 2021 / Score: 90-92/100
The 2020 Fourcas Hosten displays very good intensity on a nose of ebullient blackberry, cedar and crushed violet scents that burst from the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp tannins. A slight herbaceous element lends freshness, and white pepper and graphite appear toward the grippy, almost sinewy finish. This is quite a bold Listrac that will require 4–5 years in bottle, but it comes across as cohesive and shows good cellaring potential.

Jancis Robinson – April 2021 / Score: 16/20
Very dark core with purplish rim. Open with gentle aromas of fresh, sweet black fruit, more blackberry and plum than cassis. A hint of oak's spice and char but it doesn't dominate the fruit too much. Darker and more savoury on the palate, dry tannins adding to the freshness? Just a little bit oaky at the moment but it doesn't undermine the harmony. Tannins are fine but build to a chewy finish. Cool at the core.

La RVF– May 2021 / Score: 92-94/100
Le raffinement et l'élégance sont les points forts de ce Fourcas 2020 particulièrement brillant. La bouche est en place, l'élevage se fond à merveille et le fruit demeure préservé et souligne la finale.

Le Figaro Spécial Vin– 2021 / Score: 92/100
Un nez sur le fruit, avec du charme, une puissance maitrisée, qui évoque les petits fruits noirs, avec une touche poivrée. En bouche, on retrouve de la puissance, des tannins soyeux et une belle tension finale.

Le Echos Yohan Castaing – June 2021 / Score: 92-94/100
Un bouquet magnifique et énergique, un toucher de bouche délicat et suave et une allonge légèrement tannique. La fraîcheur finale est envoutante. Bravo.

Bettane et Desseauve Nos Super Bordeaux – 2021 / Score: 91-92/100
Vin précis, harmonieux, fait avec un soin evident et une recherche de l'équilibre plus que de la puissance, et un future grand rapport qualité-prix.

Terre de Vins – May 2021 / Score: 95-96/100
Coup de Coeur de la redaction. Le très beau 2020 offre un fruit de prune noire à chair rouge, d'encre et de gentiane. La bouche déroule une trame tannique très élégante, déjà remarquablement fondue. La finale est tendue en longueur par de beaux amers qui ajoutent à sa fraîcheur.

Le Point J. Dupont & O. Bompas– May 2021 / Score: 15/20
Nez floral, bouche douce, tanins ronds, souples, fondus, toucher délicat, en finesse

Yves Beck– April 2021 / Score: 90-92/100
Beaucoup de finesse, de subtilité dans le bouquet de Fourcas Hosten. Bel accord entre d'invitants parfume de baies noires et la fraîcheur de notes mentholées. Bonne ampleur en bouche. Le vin est bien soutenu par des tannins serrés mais fins. Belles expression fruitée en finale. Un vin sapide, charmant, bien défini et prometeur.