



CHATEAU FOURCAS HOSTEN

Vintage 2010

The reference



The sunny summer and the exceptional late fall played a large part in this successful vintage. The climate was fully favorable for an optimal maturity of the grapes and excellent sanitary conditions. We harvested serenely, waiting for the best dates for each grape variety and so optimizing the maturity of the grapes. 2010 is to remain one of the historical vintages of the estate, especially with the arrival of Caroline Artaud as winemaker, and the first use of brand new production facilities.

Grape harvest dates

- Merlot : from October 1st to 19th
- Cabernet Sauvignon : from October 11th to 19th
- Cabernet Franc : October 11th and 12th

Blending

- 45 % Merlot
- 55 % Cabernet Sauvignon

Yield

42,8 hl/ha

Ageing

- 46 % new barrels
- 39 % one-year barrels
- 15 % two-year barrels

Production

155.000 bottles

Bottling date at the château

From April 10th to 13th 2012

Alcoholic degree

13,5 % Vol.



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Press Review



Concours Général Agricole de Paris – February 2013

“Excellent, tanins ronds, joli boisé.”

Jane Anson

Jane Anson / **Score : 92+**

“Darker velvety red than some of its neighbours. A more classic structure, with the whoosh of fruit, tannins and acidity. Good length, well balance, all in check, successful. This bodes well for the new cellar and other investments recently carried out at this property.” Drink : 2018-2030.



Le Figaro – Valérie Faust, March 2014 / **Coup de coeur**

“(…) le vin, d’un rouge profond, fleure bon fruits rouges et pruneau. La bouche souple, distinguée, suave, aux tanins fins, témoigne de la belle maturité des raisins.”



James Suckling – April 2011 / **Score : 91-92**

“Excellent intensity here, with spice, dark fruits and roasted coffee. Full and velvety. Long finish. Best ever ?”



Le Guide des Meilleurs Vins de France 2014 – August 2013 / **Score : 17/20**

“Le 2010 demeure une référence pour le cru : le vin est très distingué et d’une admirable droiture.”

Jancis Robinson
JancisRobinson.com

Jancis Robinson / **Score : 17/20**

“Blueish tinge. Amazing intense. Lifted and perfumed. Something a bit floral on the nose. Lots of zest and great structure plus masses of ripe fruit. More embryonic than some. Dry finish. Lots in reserve here. Lovely youthful wine. Real freshness.” Drink : 2020-2032.



Decanter World Wine Awards – May 2013

“Attractive toasty oak that is well integrated, ripe tannin and generous black fruit on the palate. Elegant finish.”