

2010 CHATEAU TOUR SERAN

AOC MEDOC • CRU BOURGEOIS



VARIETAL COMPOSITION

65% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% Cabernet Franc & 10% Petit Verdot

VINEYARDS

10.5 ha (26 acres) on a clayey gravelly hilltops. The vines are 25 years old average with a density between 7.500 & 12.000 vines per hectare

HARVEST INFORMATION

16 to 26th October 2010. Yields of 50 hl /ha
Manual harvest and manual sorting in the cellar

SUSTAINABLE FARMING

Leaf-plucking & shoot thinning
Green harvesting (one grape per cane)
Laying a permanent or punctual vineyard cover crop
Creating large canopy area to allow good aeration
Total or partial energetic self-sufficiency (solar panels)

TECHNICAL DATA

5.500 cases. Bottling in May 2012

COOPERAGE

Aged during 12 months in 100% new oak barrels
(90% French oak and 10% American oak)

THE 2010 VINTAGE

"Flowering saw a huge quantity of flowers, but the weather during flowering was not propitious with low temperatures and rain resulting in millerandage and coulure, and therefore a loss of production. After flowering, there was considerable variation in size among grapes.

As ripening proceeds, these differences usually diminish, but vigilance will be needed when the time comes to check ripeness levels. Water stress is already visible in the vineyards, which is taken to be a good sign for the quality of 2010."

Jancis Robinson

WINEMAKING

Cold pre-fermentation in stainless steel tanks
Maceration between 40 and 45 days at 28°C
Maturation in new oak barrel on fine lees
Malolactic fermentation & lees stirring in barrel
Maturation on fine lees, Diatomites Earth filtration

Owner: Jean Guyon

Technical Director: Emmanuel Bonneau

Consultant: Dr Alain Raynaud (Clos l'Eglise, Lascombes, La Croix-de-Gay, La Fleur-de-Gay, etc.)

• 87/89

Robert Parker

Part of the network of exceptionally well-run chateaux owned by Jean Guyon, the 2010 Tour Seran reveals a classic Medoc character of tobacco leaf, cedarwood, black currant and spice. Medium-bodied with silky tannins as well as a racy, elegant style, while not as concentrated as I expected, it is, nevertheless, a very good effort. Consume it over the next 5-6 years.

• 88/91

Wine Spectator – JM

A quite ripe, flashy style, with dark mocha, blueberry and blackberry confiture notes, backed by a Black Forest cake finish. A bit amped up, but should have fans. —J.M.

• ★★★★★

Decanter (16/20)

Deep smoky blackcurrant fruit, both smooth and deep, class shows in this range. Drink 2014-20.

• 16/20

Jancis Robinson

Thick and oaky but also lots of love. Rather glamorous but with a sweet overlay. Almost right-bank style.

• 18/20

René Gabriel



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