

CHATEAU-FIGEAC

PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSÉ

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Anthocyanes
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Castaing

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Nez de fruits frais, de mure, de cassis avec un boisé parfaitement fondu et un éclat aromatique magnifique sur le menthol. Tension, finesse, précision et une élégance folle pour des tannins ciselés et parfaitement murs. Allonge graphite et réglisse ainsi qu'une finale aérienne et très persistante. Voici un Figeac juteux des plus élégants, d'une grande précision avec une magnifique expression du cabernet. Quelle race !

L'un des Figeac les plus proches de son terroir avec cette sensation aérienne et profonde des graves et la persistance des cabernets. Somptueux, pourrait être le vin de l'année.



Florales, fraîches, élégantes, complexes, fein mineralisches Bouquet, Johannisbeeren, Heidelbeeren, fein Cassis, Minze, fein kandierte Früchte. Dichtverwobener, eleganter, feingliedriger, frischer Gaumen mit kräftiger, feiner Frucht, sehr feinem Tannin, vielfältiger, kräftiger, frischer Aromatik, fein konzentrierter, eleganter Struktur, sehr langer, kräftiger, frischer Abgang mit vielen süßen Rückaromen. Kann noch zulegen.

Wein Gabriel
Andre
Kunz

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Beckustator
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D'entrée le bouquet annonce une grande notion de fraîcheur et des caractéristiques variétales au travers de nuances d'iris et d'eucalyptus. Ces nuances sont complétées par des notes de baies rouges. A l'instar du bouquet, l'attaque souligne la fraîcheur et le tempérament du vin. Les tannins se distinguent par leur précision et leur finesse. Ils sont élégants, parfaitement intégrés et vifs, ce qui es de bon augure pour créer la symbiose avec la structure acide. Une fois de plus Figeac se distingue par sa finesse et sa sérénité dans un millésime où les densités sont moins marquées, ce qui ouvre la voie pour des vins frais, salins et subtilement fruités.





Terre de Vins
Mathieu
Doumège



Inaugurant son nouveau cuvier sur ce millésime, Figeac réussit un 2021 haute résolution et très identitaire. Tout en précision, main de gants dans un gant de velours, il met à profit ses cabernets majeurs (40% sauvignon, 31% franc, le solde en merlot) qui lui apportent structure, droiture, persistance, une matière allongée d'une très belle définition dans sa trame tannique finement granuleuse, sa fraîcheur sous-jacente, son toucher de bouche qui va en s'étoffant. C'est une fort belle réussite qui se redécouvrira au fil des décennies. Et ce n'est que le début.



Wine Chronicles
Panos
Kakaviatos



A candidate for wine of the vintage. Can you spell t-r-a-n-s-c-e-n-d? It has more juicy fruit than expected from the vintage, which director Frédéric Faye referred to as "of determination". He and his team were determined to get optimal ripeness, and Figeac succeeds with flying colors. Rather predictably, the blend counts "the most Cabernet percentage ever," Faye says, with 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Cabernet Franc and the rest Merlot, which had a tougher time. A decision taken to "ignore alarming weather forecasts for the weekend of 2 October" proved correct: two weeks of Indian summer ensued, which benefitted the Cabernets. While I would not compare the ripeness here to 2018, 2019 and 2020, the 2021 comes closer than most, reflecting bright red and black fruit and remarkable tannic finesse rather rare for the vintage. Part of the success is due to the estate's new winery, used for the first time for this vintage and through which the number of lots for blending was 40% higher than for the 2020 harvest, allowing greater precision after the painstaking harvest. Any fan of Figeac should get 2021 in their cellar. As ever, 100% new oak. And alcohol at 13% with a pH of 3.65.



One of my absolute favourite wines in 2021 with Figeac's star power clearly on show. Amazing aromatic complexity on the nose; dark chocolate with perfume from the Cabernet Franc - pink flowers, red cherry touches vanilla and cinnamon - such a seductive smell. Pure and focused - so smooth and sleek with a clear tang to the palate. Quite taut, so defined and pure. The minerality comes through the sweet strawberry and raspberry fruit giving that chalky, salty flavour and texture on the palate. Everything is precise and in the right place. You can tell this is ripe, the concentration is there in the fruit, alongside such bright freshness but also these fun and playful red fruit flavours with lively acidity. Classic Bordeaux style with vibrancy, clarity and harmony - you feel the St-Emilion terroir and the understated glamour. This is an epic wine, a brilliant Figeac and contender for wine of the Right Bank. 100% new oak. 3.65pH.

Decanter
Jane
Anson



Jancis Robinson
James Lawther



Berry fruit with just a hint of oak. Sappy with plenty of freshness and drive. Velvety attack then a firm tannic structure all the way through. Just a hint of grainy tannin on the finish. Long. Typically Figeac in style.



Jane Anson



Lovely aromatics right off the bat, good spice, white peppers, touches of savoury cassis. This 71% mix of the two Cabernets is the highest ever at Figeac, and you feel it in this savoury, rosebud, leafy character to the palate, brilliantly handled and one of the wines of the vintage. This delivers careful balance, sculpted fruits, with a juicy finish. 100% new oak. Romain Jean-Pierre technical director. 38hl/h yield, harvest September 21 to October 19 (with a three week gap between Merlot and Cabernet). 3.65ph. First vintage with the new cellar. 70% production into Figeac, 8% press wine. Tasted twice, excellent quality.



Blas fine et la pureté du terroir se mêlent à un fruit radieux et à une floralité intense (œillet, pivoine). L'attaque « merlote », puis le cabernet franc supplante son condisciple en milieu de bouche, le cabernet-sauvignon clôt le débat. La barrique a commencé à arrondir le vin. La finale s'allonge avec élégance dans le plus pur style Figeac.

La Revue du Vin de France
Karine
Valentin



One of the highlights of the vintage on the Right Bank, the 2021 Figeac is a blend of 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Cabernet Franc and 29% Merlot, and the fruit of a harvest that lasted a full month, from September 21 to October 19, with each parcel picked at optimal maturity. Offering up aromas of blackberries, cassis, rose petals, violets, cigar wrapper and sweet soil tones, it's medium to full-bodied, supple and seamless, its velvety attack segueing into a deep, layered core of beautifully vibrant fruit, concluding with a long, saline finish. The first vintage vinified in Figeac's new winery, it's a resounding success for administrator Frédéric Faye and his team.



Wine Advocate
William
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Château Figeac «Une énergie sapide, rebondissante»

Le nez, d'une précision et d'une pureté cristallines, se fait félin et ronronnant. Sous des tanins d'une incroyable finesse, la bouche est légèrement épicée et vibre d'une énergie sapide, rebondissante, sans oublier une finesse et une race très Figeac. La finale est chocolatée, savoureuse et cinétique.

Le Figaro
Ella Lister
Béatrice Delamotte

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Vinous
Neal
Martin

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The 2021 Figeac was picked from September 21 until October 19 and matured, as usual, in 100% new oak. It has a very pure, elegant bouquet, the Cabernet Sauvignon imparting subtle pencil lead notes, blackberry and briar, almost understated at first but gaining vigor with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, a fine bead of acidity and just the right amount of sapidity. There is unerring symmetry about this Figeac, which is extremely focused yet unconcerned about showing off. There is lovely piquancy on the finish. Unequivocally one of the finest Right Bank wines in 2021. Frédéric Faye continues to guide Figeac to the pinnacle of the appellation.

Unquestionably one of the wines of the vintage on the Right Bank, the 2021 Château Figeac checks in as 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Cabernet Franc, and 29% Merlot, brought up all in new barrels. It's a gorgeous, medium to full-bodied, concentrated, and textured 2019 with remarkable purity in its darker cassis and fresh plum fruits as well as notes of tobacco, truffle earth, cedar pencil, and spice. While it's easy to compare this to wines from the Médoc given its high Cabernet content, it has beautiful Right Bank character and is a classic, balanced, incredibly impressive Figeac that will benefit from 4-5 years of bottle age and cruise for over two decades. It reminds me slightly of the 2014.



Jeb Dunnuck

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2021 Figeac - Violets, roses, cigar wrapper, espresso, cherries, plums, blackberries, and currants create the attention-seeking perfume. Lively and fresh, the wine is perfectly balanced between its elegant nature, vibrant red fruits, silky textures, length, and purity. The fruit has a sweetness along with salinity that is impossible to miss. The wine is a slow build on your palate. So you do not notice it at first. But with an intake of air, the wine begins slowly expanding in the finish. This is a perfect example of a modern classic wine blending 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Cabernet Franc and 29% Merlot. 13% ABV, 3.65% pH. The harvest took place September 21 - October 19, making 2021 not only one of the longest harvests in the history of the estate but also one of the latest vintages they have ever recorded. Both choices were the key to the success of the vintage here. Of equal importance, 2021 marks the debut vintage for the estate's new, state-of-the-art cellars. Drink from 2026-2055

The Wine Cellar Insider
Jeff
Leve

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The Wine Independent
Lisa
Perrotti-Brown

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The 2021 Figeac is a blend of 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Cabernet Franc, and 29% Merlot, with the Merlot harvested from 21 September to 1 October. Deep garnet-purple colored, it slowly unfurls in the glass, releasing languid notions of redcurrants, black raspberries, and mulberries, followed by hints of iron ore, violets, star anise, and menthol with a hint of graphite. Medium-bodied, the palate is elegant with ripe, grainy Cabernet-led tannins, featuring great tension and lots of bright red fruit and mineral layers, finishing long and ferrous. pH 3.65.

"Changes were very slow in terms of ripeness," conceded Frederic Faye, managing director of Figeac. "It was a cloudy vintage. We couldn't harvest when the rain was forecasted on the 2nd and 3rd of October. The grapes weren't ripe. We could have made red wine, but we could not have made Figeac. So, we had to wait for the ripeness. When bunches started to mummify, we had to start harvesting the Merlot. We needed to maintain the freshness of the fruit. We harvested until the 19th of October.

Fortunately, in 2021, we had freedom with the new winery, and our tools did not restrict us. The Merlot came in at about 12% alcohol. We did saignée on the Merlot and the Cabernet Franc. We only chaptalized one vat of Merlot, but we had plenty of alcohol for the Cabernets. We lowered the temperature for vinification, extracting less tannins."

The Wine Doctor

Chris
Kissack



The first vintage to be vinified in the estate's new cellars, allowing a much more precise blending, this is 29% Merlot, 31% Cabernet Franc and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, the Cabernets asserting their dominance here. The picking started on September 21st, but Frédéric Faye took advantage of the good weather after the weekend of October 2nd and 3rd and so the last grapes only came in on October 19th. The grand vin took 75% of the crop, from a yield of 38 hl/ha. It feels fresh and classically Figeac on the nose, with bright raspberry fruits laced with menthol, liquorice and dried currants. The palate melds this within a delicious medium-bodied texture, with savoury dark fruits, fresh and bright, and a central core of slightly sooty but nicely knit tannins, laced with some tobacco spice from the oak. This is quite delicious, with the lightly juicy medium-bodied presence of the vintage, but a touch of density and some rich powdery Cabernet tannins which give it a long grip in the finish. And the overall alcohol in the blend is just 13%.



James Suckling



A red with lots of dark-fruit, graphite and tar aromas and flavors. It's medium-bodied and very integrated with firm, polished tannins and a long finish. Racy and compact. Silky texture.



Vinous
Antonio
Galloni



The 2021 Figeac is a super-classy, elegant Saint-Émilion. Silky tannins and lifted, savory aromatics add to a total impression of finesse. There is more Cabernet Sauvignon than typically in this year's blend, which naturally brings added aromatic presence. The 2021 is not as explosive as recent vintages have been, but its class is evident. This is a strong showing from Figeac and the team led by Estate Manager Frédéric Faye. Tasted two times.

