



CHATEAU DU TAILLAN

Haut-Médoc

Château du Taillan 2012 :

AOC : Haut-Médoc

Blend : 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc

Récolte : 1 021 hectoliters of Château du Taillan
160 hectoliters of second wine

Vineyard: 28 hectares managed with traditional Methods as Guyot Double Pruning, de-budding, take off leaves, take off not wealthy grapes, yield control.

Soil: Chalky-clay in majority which explains the big quantity of Merlot in our blend. Gravel soil for the rest of the vineyard.

Harvest: Grapes were ripened in September, so the harvest was quite late. We started by Merlot on the 5th of October followed by cabernet until the 14th of October. During the harvest, the weather was sunny and we picked grapes all day long. The yield was nice and the potential degrees were at 13, 5% GL.

Wine-making: In small stainless steel vats which contain between 80 and 160 hectoliters with temperature control. We made small pumping over frequently to extract the colour and the tannins. Long vatting, between 21 and 30 days.

Ageing: 12 months in oak barrels whose 10% are new and 30% are one year old.

Tasting: The colour of this wine is cherry red and intense. The nose opens on red fruits with brioche notes, vanilla and caramel hints, typical of a good ripeness year. In the mouth, the attack is soft and mellow. The evolution is open, fat, round and charming with a nice freshness. Tannins are present but smooth. Good length. Beautiful vintage. To keep 8-10 years.



Reward :

-Sascha Speicher, WEINWIRTSCHAFT tasted some Crus Bourgeois from official selection of Crus Bourgeois : 89/100 : « A fine and feminine style, for this vintage, aromas of red currant, wild cherry, chili ; charming, juicy, well balanced, sweet tannins, nice freshness, it's a pleasure to drink it ».

-Gilbert & Gaillard: **Note 87/100.** Intense garnet-red colour, ruby-red. Intense nose, black fruits, roasty and toasty notes. Sweet attack. Smooth and full-bodied mouth, with concentration. Aromas are clearly defined. Tannins are present. This wine is well balanced. A success for this Haut-Médoc wine.

-Robert Parker: **Note 86/100.** A blend of 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, Du Taillan 2012 is certainly one of the more successful cru bourgeois that I tasted. Quite well-made, pure and ripe, this dark ruby/plum-colored wine has round, generous flavors, medium body and sweet tannin in the finish. It is drinking well now and should continue to do so for another 5-8 years.



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