

Château Clos Fourtet

Les Revues de Presse : Millésime 2005

Vine Spectator :

March 2008 95 points

BLEND 80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon .Philippe Cuvelier's first move, after purchasing Clos Fourtet in 2001, was to appoint Stéphane Derenoncourt as consultant, and together they have worked to restore the quality of the estate's wine to the level that reflects its Premier Grand Cru Classé (B) status. The estate's 44 acres of vineyards are located on the famous limestone plateau and extend almost into downtown St.-Emilion. 2005 was the first year that the blend of the first wine contained 20 percent Cabernet (Franc and Sauvignon) rather than the usual 15 percent, adding a tad more body and structure to the wine.

The Wine Advocate :

Mai 2008 Note : 98

Clos Fourtet is on roll, having produced a stunning wine in 2003, and an even more brilliant effort in 2005. Stéphane Derenoncourt, the consulting oenologist, has plenty with which to work given the fact that this is a relatively large vineyard (50 acres) planted with 85 % Merlot and the rest Cabernet franc as well as a small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon. The inky/blue/purple-colored 2005 boasts an exceptional perfume of acacia flowers, blackberry and blueberry liqueur, graphite, scorched earth, and background oak. The wine possesses a full-bodied texture and abundant quantities of stunningly pure black fruits. The result is a sumptuous St-emilion of great concentration, intensity, and overall balance. This prodigious effort looks set for 25-30 years of evolution. Utterly awesome !

The Wine Advocate :

Juin 2015 Note : 98

Dense ruby/purple, with notes of crushed rock, blueberry and blackberry fruit intermixed with some licorice and chocolate, this full-bodied, massive wine from proprietor Philippe Cuvelier coincides with the resurrection of this premier grand cru classé in St.-Emilion. As the wine sits in the glass, notes of espresso roast and chocolate emerge. This full-bodied classic should continue to drink well for another 25 years. This is a killer effort.

Decanter **Note 18 points ★★★★★**

A big classical wine, full and round with noble tannins and expressive fruit.

La revue du Vin de France : **juin 2006 ★★★★★ (★)**

Dense, fin, racé, très long, d'une grande délicatesse et de très longue garde.

Tribune de Genève : **avril 2006**

Le nez assez puissant, confiture de cassis, notes empyreumatiques ; la bouche explose sur le fruit, avec une belle matière, de la persistance, et une finale élégante où le bois ne domine pas.

DINA VINER **Mai 2005 Note :93 – 94 p**

Envälbyggd, bred doft med inslag av värme och alkohol. Viss rågsnedomlig frukt. Saftig, frisk och välbyggd smak med väl integrerade annimer.

THE WINE REVIEW **Avril 2006**

A medium-plus bodied. The fruit at the back but all there with the tannins and freshness. Balanced.

Cave Vinifera : **juin 2006 ★★★★★/★**

12 % de cabernet franc qui rentrent pour la 1 ère fois dans l'assemblage finale, 75 % de merlot, 13 % de cabernet sauvignon. Fin, long, racé, ce vin superbe est d'une harmonie rare avec une forte structure tannique mais judicieusement enrobée. Il dépasse les 2003 et 2004 pour s'inscrire comme la plus belle réussite du château depuis des lustres.

Wine Enthusiast magazine : **04/2006 Note : 92-94**

New wood aromas are mingled with black fruits. The wine is solid, but with sweet wood and fruit tannins which are already integrating well. The fruit is deliciously ripe, with acidity only just showing.

Louis Havaux **juillet 2006**

Un très grand vin, séduisant et racé, élégant et équilibré, énorme potentiel.

Le Degustazioni :

Tostato, caffè, cioccolato, Bocca piena, densa, un po' cupa, tannino deciso appena amaro. Finale lungo, in progressione positiva, Fortjusande.molto ampio.

Gilbert & Gaillard : **le 02/01/2008 Note : 94/100**

Robe sombre. Nez minéral (graphite) et de fruits noirs. Bouche dense, structurée, qui reprend le même registre profond et élégant. Un joli millésime, très complet, qui a encore beaucoup à donner.