

Château Malescasse 2010

CSPC# 103352

750mlx12

14.0% alc./vol.

CSPC# 813893

750mlx6

14.0% alc./vol.

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Grape Variety	55% Cabernet-Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot
Appellation	Haut Medoc
Classification	Cru Bourgeois
Website	http://www.chateau-malescasse.com/en/
Sustainability	Château Malescasse is certified High Environmental Value and ISO 14001 for its environmental management.
General Info	<p>Chateau Malescasse was founded by the Renouil Family in 1824. The original owners held the estate for more than fifty years until selling the vineyard to the Pineguy family in 1887.</p> <p>Like all Bordeaux estates, the property has had its ups and down periods, with some owners having the funds to maintain the estate and its vineyards better than others. By the mid 1970's, the vineyards were barely planted and only 4 hectares of vines remained.</p> <p>Things started to improve, albeit slightly, for Chateau Malescasse by the mid 1990's, when the Alcatel company purchased the property. They were quite experienced in Bordeaux, as they already owned Chateau Gruaud Larose in Saint Julien. In 2012, Philippe Austruy purchased Chateau Malescasse.</p> <p>This was not the first wine investment for Philippe Austruy, as he already owned a vineyard in Provence, La Commanderie Peyrassol. One of the early moves made by Philippe Austruy after taking over the estate was to bring in the team of Stephane Derenoncourt to improve their wine making and vineyard management.</p> <p>In an effort to improve the reputation of the estate, they were one of the first Bordeaux chateau to announce they were going to declassify their entire production from the 2013 harvest. It took a few years, but starting with the 2014 vintage, things have been on the upswing at Chateau Malescasse.</p>
Winemaker	Bertrand Chemin – cellar master. Stéphane Derenoncourt, Frédéric Massie, and Hannah Fiegenschuh consult.
Vintage	Their 2010 vintage is one of the most notable with its dry, warm summer and cool, sunny fall that allowed the grapes plenty of time to ripen slowly and leisurely, while still retaining their complexity and tannins. The sunny summer and the back exceptional season contributed to perfect the success of this vintage. This climatic conditions were completely favourable to the optimum maturation of the berries and their excellent sanitary state. They also allowed the grape harvest to be made in the good conditions. The wine growers were able to decide the best dates to harvest grape variety by grape variety, and plot by plot. The blend gives these wines a beautiful acidity, the freshness, and a very expressive fruit. This year is also characterized by a strong concentration of anthocyanins with ripe and silky tannins and an alcoholic power.
Vineyards	The 40 hectare Left Bank vineyard of Chateau Malescasse is planted to 54% Merlot, 39% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Petit Verdot. The terroir is gravel, clay, limestone, and sandy soils. The vines are old with an average vine age of 20 years. The vineyard is located at about the midpoint between the Margaux appellation to the south and the St. Julien appellation to the north.
Vinification	To produce the wine of Chateau Malescasse, vinification takes place in stainless steel tanks. Malolactic fermentation takes place in vat. The wine is aged in about 40% new, French oak barrels for up to 14 months before bottling. These are medium-bodied, well-structured, fruit-driven clarets that show at their best with around 5 years of bottle age.
Tasting Notes	The nose was very subtle eventually revealing leather and black fruit. In the mouth were slightly dense, black, and red fruit. There was a slightly cool aspect. There was some perfume, acidity, and tannins in the finish followed by a hint of leather and a little earth. With air the structure nicely came out along with some viscous weight and a hint of green house.
Serve with	Try pairing with a tournedos Rossini or roast salt marsh lamb.
Production	180,000 bottles made



**Cellaring
Scores/Awards**

Drink after 2014.

90 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2013
89-92 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2011
91 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - February 2013
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16.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - January 2014
16 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - January 2011
86 points - Stephen Brook, Decanter.com - March 2014
86 points - Ronan Sayburn, Decanter.com - March 2014
91 points - Stephen Spurrier, Decanter.com - March 2014
85 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - September 2015
88 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (score only) - April 2013
14-15 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - May 2011

Reviews

"Dense and chewy, with espresso and baker's chocolate notes shrouding the dark currant, fig, and blackberry fruit at the core, followed by graphite and anise on the finish for now. Should unwind with cellaring."
- JM, Wine Spectator

"This solid red offers mouth filling tobacco, plum and blackberry notes, with nicely integrated toast on the juicy finish."
- JM, Wine Spectator

"Located in the heart of the Haut-Médoc, close to Lamarque, Malescasse is capable of producing sweet-tasting, friendly wines, such as this 2010. It's bright, fruity, and layered with acidity, and the firm tannins show through slowly, offering power and density for the medium-term."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"Ripe, already attractive and soft, it's fruity, fresh and jammy, with tannins that integrate well with the fruit."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"Dark crimson. Rather glossy and sophisticated on the nose. This almost tastes like a classed growth! Lovely stuff. Beautifully rich but fluid and refreshing."
- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"Drink 2015-2023; Slightly raw purple colour. Medium ripeness and some savoury yeast extract notes on the nose. Very fragrant in relatively lean mode. It has a very sweet start and pretty lightweight. Not trying too hard but perfectly serviceable. Very clean, brisk finish. A second sample had much more density and pretty much sang with delight at this vintage."
- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"Muted but robust blackberry nose. Quite rich and juicy, fluid, and sleek, has ample concentration and weight of fruit. The tannins are present and chalky without being overbearing, though the wine is far from elegant. But it delivers plenty of bang for the buck. Quite good length."
- SB, Decanter.com

"Balanced fine and elegant nose and palate, classic Medoc graphite and cedarwood with blackcurrant characteristics."
- RS, Decanter.com

"Dense rim, finely expressive nose, fragrant and slightly leafy, showing pure Cabernet character, very good depth of fruit and good smooth length, the expression of a much grander wine."
- SS, Decanter.com

"Medium bodied, early drinking quaffer with an earthy, dark red fruit character."
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com
