

Château Péby Faugères 2018

CSPC# 848131

750mlx6

15.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

100% Merlot

Appellation

Saint Emilion

Classification

Premier Grand Cru Classe B

Website

<http://www.chateau-peby-faugeres.com/>

Sustainability

Organic Farming

General Info

Located six kilometres east of St Emilion, the history of the nine-hectare Chateau Faugères can be traced back to at least 1823, when it came into the possession of the Guisez family. There it stayed until very recently, having been inherited in 1987 by Pierre-Bernard Guisez – aka Péby – and his wife Corrine, who together produced wines from the St Emilion and Cotes de Castillon appellations, eventually with assistance from consultant Michel Rolland.

When Péby died aged just 52, Corrine and the couple's daughters kept the estate going, even creating a super-cuvee in his honour: Péby-Faugères, which is regarded by many more highly than the estate's Grand Vin.

In 2005, the family sold the estate to Swiss businessman Silvio Denz, who had already established a history in vineyard investment, and under his supervision in 2009 the estate underwent a complete renovation, making it one of the most architecturally stunning, state-of-the-art winemaking facilities in the Right Bank. This, coupled with the estate's exceptional clay and limestone soil, helped propel Chateau Faugères to new heights, and in 2012 the estate earned Grand Cru Classe classification.

Winemaker

Michel Rolland consultant

Vintage

2018 will be remembered as a year of challenges, which began with turbulent conditions due to strong climatic contrasts. After the intense rainfall of the first six months of the year, a strong mildew pressure threatened the vineyard. Due to the conversion of Chateau Péby-Faugères to organic viticulture, a process which began in 2017, the property's technical teams had to use all their energy and know-how to enable the vine to give the best of itself. A constant vigilance in the vineyard and close attention paid to each plot ensured a dazzling 2018 vintage for Chateau Péby-Faugères.

Vineyards

Péby-Faugères is a blend of the wines from Chateau Faugères' best plots of land. The Chateau Faugères estate covers 9 hectares, located in Saint Emilion on clay-limestone soils. The vines are 100% Merlot and are on average 40 years old.

Harvest

Dates unknown

Vinification/

Maturation

Traditional viticulture methods are used, such as green harvesting, leaf pruning and manual picking. When selecting the grapes, two sorting tables are used to ensure the best possible quality. Maturation is conducted over 18 months in 100% new French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

Made from 100% Merlot, the Chateau Péby-Faugères 2018 offers a pure expression of the great terroirs of Saint-Emilion. The vintage is aged for 18 months in French oak barrels (100% new). Unanimously acclaimed by international critics, the Chateau Péby-Faugères 2018 offers a magnificent definition of fruit, with great opulence and concentration. Savory and voluptuous, the palate presents juicy fruit, structured by ripe and perfectly integrated tannins. The minerality of the Saint-Emilion limestone terroirs appears with great nobility and intensity, while the development of the palate stretches forth into a persistent finish. A beautiful reference from Saint-Emilion in an exceptional vintage for Bordeaux.

Serve with

Chateau Péby-Faugères is best paired with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes. Chateau Péby-Faugères is also good when matched with Asian dishes, rich fish courses like tuna, mushrooms, and pasta.

Production

650 cases made.



**Cellaring
Scores/Awards**

Drink 2022-2032

93 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - January 2021
95-98 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - June 2019
95+ points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - March 2021
95-97+ points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - April 2019
97 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2021
98-99 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2019
16 points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - March 2019
91 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2019
97 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2021
95 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - March 2021
93-96 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2019
98 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - March 2021
95-97+ points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - May 2019
95 points - Falstaff Magazine (score only) - February 2021
16 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - June 2019

Reviews

"Juicy and direct, with a tasty mix of plum and blackberry cobbler notes infused with tea, sandalwood and dried anise notes that add freshness to the mix. Nice fine-grained finish is sneaky long. Lots to like here. Best from 2022 through 2032. 650 cases made."
- JM, Wine Spectator

"Offers layers of dark fig, boysenberry and cassis fruit, with alluring black tea and anise notes. The long, smoldering finish is carried by a graphite edge. Dense, but with serious cut and detail. A classic in the making. Barrel Sample: 95-98."
- JM, Wine Spectator

"Made of 100% Merlot, the 2018 Péby-Faugères has a deep garnet-purple color and bombastic scents of plum preserves, baked black cherries, cedar chest and blueberry pie with an undercurrent of menthol, black olives, charcuterie and Indian spice, plus a waft of oolong tea. The seductively rich, full-bodied palate (15.5% alcohol) delivers mouth-coating black fruit preserves with a velvety texture and just enough freshness, finishing long and spicy yet with a touch of oak poking through. It will need a good 5 years in cellar for the oak to settle in, then drink it over the next 20 years or more."
- LPB, Wine Advocate

"Made of 100% Merlot, the 2018 Péby-Faugères is deep garnet-purple colored and comes bounding out of the glass with gregarious notes of blueberry pie, plum pudding, chocolate-covered cherries and mulberries with hints of eucalyptus, cinnamon stick, cloves and unsmoked cigars plus a waft of cedar chest. Full-bodied, taut and muscular, the palate has a rock-solid structure of firm, velvety tannins and wonderful freshness, finishing very long with loads of mineral sparks."
- LPB, Wine Advocate

"Very attractive aromas of currants, blackberries, bark and dried mushroom follow through to a full body with firm, fine tannins that are round and creamy-textured. Pretty finish. Drink after 2024."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Wow. Really savory this year with an extremely dense and gorgeous palate of ripe fruit and ripe tannins, but an underlying minerality and intensity. Shows really integrated and melted tannins, but then it kick-starts at the end. Neoclassical."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Barrel sample. Inky core. Super-ripe and pure cassis, like Ribena. Intensely fruity nose. Ripe, generous, lots of toasty oak and vanilla so quite sweet overall in fruit and oak. Deep, smooth texture, just a little too marked by the oak, for now at least. (JH)"
- JH, JancisRobinson.com

"Inky damson in colour, this is a wine where you can feel the influence of the cooler terroir in terms of the bulkier tannins. They are not rustic but are certainly present, crawling across the palate. It's good quality - as are all the Denz wines in 2018, but there's no escaping the slightly distracting concentration, with a little too much marzipan

Reviews *oak on the finish. Drinking Window 2026 – 2040.”*
- JL, Decanter.com

“Incredibly dark in color, the wine is full-bodied, rich, deep, sensuous and velvety. On the palate, the wine is packed with ripe, black, and dark red pit fruits, licorice, chocolate, espresso and spice. Long, mouth-filling and supple, with a velvety finish, give this at least 5-7 years in the cellar before popping the cork.”
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“The 2018 Péby-Faugères has a gorgeous bouquet of opulent boysenberry, maraschino cherry, fig and violets scents, almost identical to what I observed in barrel. Thankfully, it has retained the delineation and focus. The palate is medium-bodied with lithe tannins, sweet and candied yet poised. Slightly granular in texture, it delivers a surfeit of black cherry and cassis toward the finish, along with fine mineralité. Unquestionably the best Péby-Faugères that I have tasted. Outstanding. Drinking window: 2024 – 2048”
- NM, Vinous

“The 2018 Péby-Faugères, 100% Merlot from 45-year-old vines, is fabulous. Dense, inky, and rich, with tremendous concentration, the 2018 offers superb intensity but with less of the pushed extraction that was once the norm here. Blackberry jam, spice, cloves, menthol, and licorice build in a potent, flamboyant Saint-Émilion. In 2018, Péby-Faugères shows a slightly brighter and more floral profile than in the past. It will be interesting to see how the 2018 and future vintages develop, as Péby-Faugères has always been distinctive. The 2018 is a terrific effort from proprietor Silvio Denz and consulting winemaker Michel Rolland. My only real critique is that Péby-Faugères and Faugères are more closer in style than they usually are, which is remarkable as the blends are totally different!”
- AG, Vinous

“The 2018 Château Péby-Faugères is another brilliant wine from this talented team. Based on 100% Merlot from vines in the eastern side of the appellation, it was brought up in 65% new French oak, which has been the norm for the past couple of years. (The 2015 saw 90% new oak.) Deep purple-hued, with a glorious bouquet of crème de cassis, toasted spices, violets, vanilla, and a touch of chalky minerality, this full-bodied, super-rich, incredibly sexy Saint-Émilion builds with time in the glass and has a great mid-palate and flawless balance. It has a modern style, yet I still find plenty of classic Saint-Émilion minerality. It's already beautiful, but smart money will give bottles 3-5 years and it should keep for two decades.”
- Jeb Dunnuck

“I always love this cuvée, which comes from a specific parcel of very old vine Merlot on the eastern side of Saint-Émilion. The 2018 Château Péby-Faugères, which is a selection of 70% of the production and is aging in 65% new oak, reveals a deep purple color as well as a ripe, blockbuster bouquet of black fruits, smoked earth, spicy oak, and graphite. One of the ripe, powerful wines that still stays light and graceful, it's full-bodied, has ripe tannins, no hard edges, and a great finish. This is a sexy Saint-Émilion to drink over the coming 20-25 years. Tasted twice.”
- Jeb Dunnuck
