

Vintage profile : Simply exceptional !

Despite the fears caused by May severe hail storms, weather conditions of the following months were exceptional and contributed to save the 2009 harvest. We benefited from a generous weather which encouraged healthy and high quality grapes.

A lot of sun and high temperatures were on the agenda of the 2009 summer. This nice weather lasted until the month of September during which the temperature differences between warm days and cool nights were largely favorable to the grapes' ripening and berries' concentration. The 2009 harvest reached a beautiful balance between sugar and low acidity levels, berries were very aromatic and skins showed an intense color.

Harvest date

Merlot : from September 24th to October 5th

Cabernet Franc : October 9th

Cabernet Sauvignon : from October 10th to October 16th

Malolactic fermentation of the free-run juice in oak barrels after drainage.

All press cuts are kept separately in barrels during a period of 10 days in order to refine the selection.

Yield	42,5 hl/ha
Vinification	Plot by plot Temperature controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks Post fermentation maceration between 25 and 30 days
Consulting winemaker	Daniel Llose
Aging	12 months in oak casks 90% French oak 10% American oak medium toasted 30% new oak
Fining	With egg albumin after final blending No filtering before bottling
Blend	Cabernet Sauvignon 51% Merlot 49%
Alcohol	14 % Vol
Production	135 000 bottles

Coup de Coeur, 2 étoiles

Régulièrement distingué dans le Guide, ce cru au nom fleurant bon la Gascogne est une valeur sûre de l'appellation. Avec ce nouveau millésime, il fait un véritable bon en avant et emporte toutes les voix du jury. Il charme aussi bien par sa robe, d'une belle intensité, que par son bouquet délicat, dont les notes de fruits noirs (cassis) sont enrobées de nuances grillées. Son palais tendre et volumineux réussit l'alliance de la puissance et de la finesse. D'une grande persistance, cette bouteille pourra être attendue avec bonheur pendant huit ou neuf ans, voire plus.

Le Guide Hachette des Vins sélection 2013

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Wine Enthusiast, Roger Voss, January 2012

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Strawberry soup, spice, cedar and cinnamon on the nose. Ample, positive damson and plum fruit with a neat oak overlay. Structured, ripe tannins and soft, balanced acidity and a fine, dry finish. Well Judged. Drink: 2014.

Decanter, Février 2012

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The Paloumey 2009 has a very fragrant bouquet with fresh strawberry, redcurrant and a touch of vanilla. Very fine definition and lift. The palate is medium-bodied with a tensile entry, edgy tannins, lots of freshness here with a citric undertow towards the finish. Very fine. Tasted September 2011.

Wine Journal, Neal Martin

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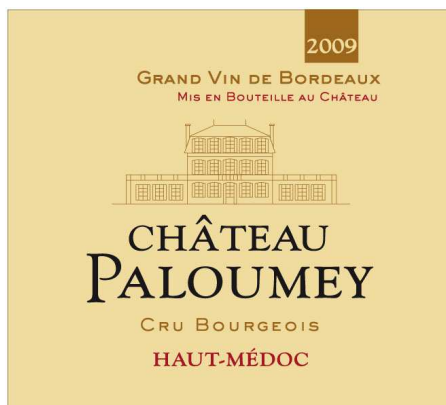
Wine Spectator, James Molesworth, March 2012

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Fruits noirs, cerise burlat, bouche ronde, souple, tanins très fondus et suaves, style margalien, peu d'acidité, bonne longueur, frais, élégant.

Le Point, 6 mai 2010

Grande réussite. Croquant, avec un joli fruit expressif et une belle trame. Jolie finale. **La Revue du Vin de France, 31 mai 2010**



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