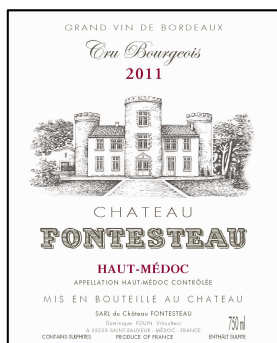




2011 : it's all in the Harmony



"After a cold snowy winter, the growing season began with very mild weather and a budburst two weeks ahead of 2010. The summery atmosphere of April continued through May we observed a beautiful, regular blossoming. We began to wonder if we would harvest in August... But July was cold and wet, slowing down the maturation process. In August, despite stormy spells in the area, (luckily with no dramatic consequences for our vineyards), the development was back to normal, showing promising quality and more usual timespan. A heavy rainstorm on 1st September caused the ripening process to accelerate and brought a certain fragility to some wines. From that moment until the first Merlots were picked on 14th September, we spent many an hour in the vineyard, checking and tasting the grapes. By keeping a daily eye on the health and ripening in each and every plot we were able to ensure picking at the very best moment. The last Cabernet Sauvignons were harvest on 30th September.

We will remember this harvest as being an exciting and 'sporty' one! It was more than ever essential to vinify plot by plot".

The blending was carried out on 27th January 2012 with the precious collaboration of our oenologists: Eric BOISSENOT and Marco BALSIMELLI.

The 2011 is nicely fruity and very well-balanced. It offers an elegant tannic structure and a pleasant long finish.

- **Average yield:** 49 hl/ha
- **Total Crop:** 1537 hl

Dominique FOUIN

Château Fontesteanu 2011

- **Volume:** 870 hl (115 000 bottles 75 cl)
- **Blend:** 52 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 48 % Merlot Noir
- **Alcohol:** 12.8 % - **Ph:** 3.75 - **Residual sugar:** 0
- **Ageing:** 25% new oak barrels



Tasting comment by Marco BALSIMELLI (oenologist):

"This wine has a beautiful clear ruby robe. The nose offers intense aromas of red fruit and blackcurrant, mingling with notes of vanilla and coffee to bring a great olfactory complexity. The palate is well-structured and generous with a fresh attack, good density and a very long finish. The supple, persistent tannins give a sensation of harmony and elegance that suggests this 2011 has a very good future ahead."

AWARDS: Silver medal Concours de Bordeaux 2013
Silver medal Vignerons Indépendants 2013
1 star Guide Hachette des Vins 2015

