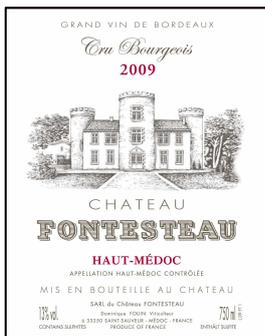




2009: "an exceptional Vintage"



"The weather was pleasant as the wines awoke from the winter slumber. The April showers were welcome to quench the thirst of the soil but meant a heightened vigilance was necessary regarding the risk of mildew. Then Mother Nature treated us an extraordinarily beautiful summer; the only skin deeper in colour than the tourist's on the beaches of the Blue Médoc! The superb bunches of Merlot and Cabernet, packed full of sugar, augured well for a great vintage. Patience was then required to allow the grapes to ripen, to colour, for the seeds to darken and the rich flesh to express the true character of each grape variety. Throughout the hot, sunny month of September, we took the time to taste the grapes plot by plot, regularly and methodically: on 29th September we began the picking with the first Merlots

to finish on 18th October with the Cabernet Sauvignons.

We harvest slowly but surely, taking the necessary care with each vat in this year that required a true mastery of vinification to bring out the best in the vintage.

The dark, deep robe and intense fruit aromas are a red invitation to taste this generous and harmonious vintage."

- **Average yield** : 55 hl/ha

Dominique FOUIN

Château Fontesteuau 2009

- **Volume produced** : 1200 hl
- **Blend**: 44 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 44 % Merlot Noir, 12 % Cabernet Franc
- **Alcohol**: 13.60 % - **Ph**: 3.70 - **Residual sugar**: 0
- **Ageing**: 25% new oak barrels
- **Bottle ageing capacity of over 7 years.**

The blending was carried out on 8th December with the precious collaboration of our oenologist, Mr Eric BOISSENOT.

"The wine presents a deep red robe. The nose is explosive and richly perfumed: firstly offering sweet notes of ripe fruit such as cherry and blackcurrant, then gentle hints of floral aromas. The palate is generous, tasty and full-bodied, with supple, well-knit tannins delicately following through to the long finish. This vintage is both flavoursome and elegant. Now at the beginning of its ageing, this powerful wine promises to gain in finesse over the past."



AWARDS: 2011: Gold Medal Challenge International du Vin

