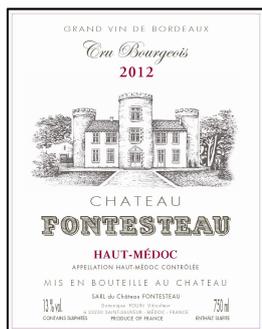




2012 : Surprising !



"After a very cold winter (with a minima of 12°C), the month of April was rainy and cold, resulting in a rather late budburst, particularly for the Merlots whose buds opened practically at the same time as the Cabernet's. Then, thanks to the limestone base of the Fontesteanu subsoil, the wines were able to find the water they needed to resist an extremely hot and dry summer.

A moderate de-leafing allowed the bunches to ripen nicely without getting sunburnt. Until 8th October, when we began picking the perfectly ripe Merlots, 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 plot we were able to ensure picking at the very best moment. The second half of

harvest period was rather rainy and the last Cabernet Sauvignons were picked on 29th October."
The blending was carried out on 16th January with the precious collaboration of our oenologists: Eric BOISSENOT and Marco BALSIMELLI.

- Average yield: 47 hl/ha

Dominique FOUIN

Château Fontesteanu 2012

- **Total Crop:** 1421 hl
- **Volume :** 930 hl (120.000 bottles 75 cl)
- **Blend :** 60 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 38 % Merlot Noir, 2% Cabernet Franc
- **Alcohol :** 12.85 % - **Ph :** 3.75 - **Residual sugar :** 0
- **Ageing :** 25% new oak barrels



Tasting comment by Marco BALSIMELLI (oenologist at Boissenot laboratory):

Deep ruby robe with purple tints. On the nose, this wine reveals a palette of intense aromas, going from cherry to empyreumatic, toasty notes, with a touch of black pepper. The palate is plump and generous yet remains fresh, bringing good tension and persistence. On the finish the tannins are present but well-integrated, suggesting an excellent ageing potential for this Fontesteanu 2012."

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