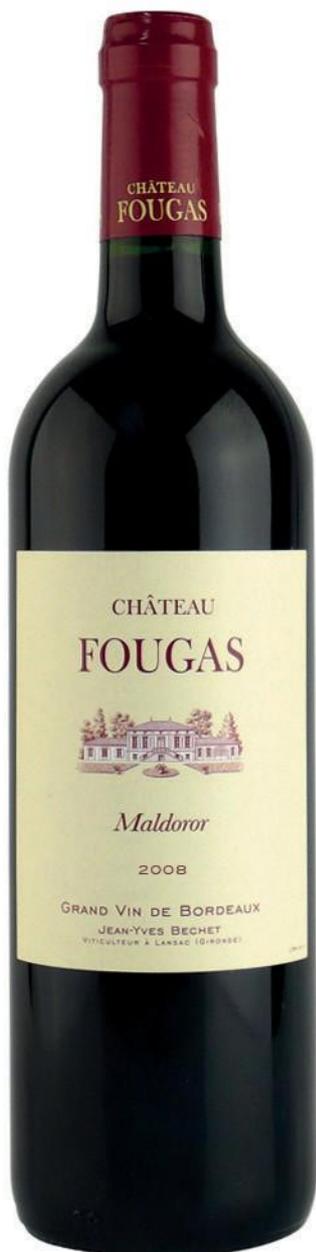




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The 2008 Vintage

— Château Fougas Maldoror —



Gold Medal
Bordeaux Competition Wines of Aquitaine 2010

Score 17.5/20 "Powerful, harmonious nose offering up great fruit and elegant oak notes. Savoury, dense palate with wonderful ripe tannins, fruit and good follow-through. Huge potential."

La Revue du Vin de France p. 73 - June 2009

Score 15.5/20, 1* "These wines are some of the most expressive in the Côtes de Bourg. Their tannic structure has become silkier and gained more finesse. Maldoror 2008 is better balanced and finer than in 2007. Substance has become more precise and oak is more subtle and elegant."

Best wines of France 2011 p. 157

"Both on the nose and on the palate, an explosion of cassis followed by notes of leather and chocolate. Despite this, substance is in no way overpowering and the wine is upright, ripe and pleasant."

GAULT & MILLAU supplément p.3 - September/October 2010

"Jean-Yves Bechet bought Château Fougas in 1976. From this beautiful cone-shaped terroir, he created the Maldoror label, as a tribute to The Songs of Maldoror by Lautréamont. Although fairly oaked and modern, the wine reveals great roundness and wonderful perfumes of black fruits. A little bottle time will allow it to develop an aromatic complexity that too few wines in this appellation can offer."

Cuisine et Vins de France Supplement - September/October 2010

Score 16.5 "Sweet red, bright fruit. Juicy rather than powerful but harmonious and fresh with finesse in a lighter mode."

Drink 2012-15 - Jancis ROBINSON - April 2009

"Beurteilung: Kräftiges Rubingranat, zarte violette Reflexe, Wasserrand. In der Nase nach Zimtstangen, Muskatnuss, etwas Schokolade und schwarzen Beeren. Am Gaumen frisch, rotbeerig, eher leichtfüßig, feines Säurespiel, Gewürze im Nachhall, mineralisch und mit einigem Reifpotenzial ausgestattet."

Falstaff - Peter MOSER - April 2009

Punkte 17/20 "Mitteldunkles Rubin-Granat. Aromatisches Bouquet von schwarzen Kirschen und reifen Beerfrüchten. Im Gaumen weich, samtig und sehr angenehm, praktisch als Fassprobe schon Freude bereitend."

Newsletter WeinWisser - dégustation de René GABRIEL - Juni 2009

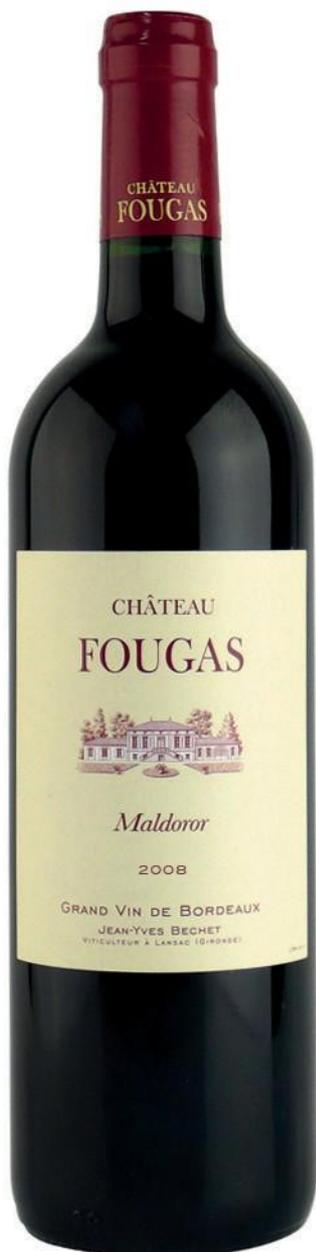
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"Oak-dominant, peppery, soft, velvety and menthol palate. The wine boasts good potential. Violet on the finish. Good length."

Le POINT - Jacques DUPONT - January 2011

Score 89/100 "Intense hue tinged with crimson. Profound, endearing nose recalling black cherry with lightly toasted oak. Fleshy palate with polished and remarkably well-integrated substance. Full, persistent and harmonious. A successful offering."

Wine Guide 2012 Gilbert and Gaillard p.135

"How is it possible to compete when you are one of the fifty-seven Bordeaux appellations and not necessarily the most renowned? The question does not seem to bother Jean-Yves and Michèle Bechet, owners of Château Fougas, whose vineyard was once labelled 'grand cru bourgeois'. Their wines have climbed the ranks to become one of the finest Gironde offerings probably due to the freshness that you can taste with the first sip. "We are looking for violet aromas rather than tar and favour refinement over concentration": at the right time, this 2008 vintage definitely reflects this credo! Everything is in place for an enjoyable drink in three to five years' time, because the tannins have yet to completely soften. Unless that is, it is decanted, in which case it would make a smooth partner for red meats or, on a more exotic note, lamb tagine."

Régal Magazine - Corinne VILDER - December 2010

Score 16/20, 1BD "Black hue, toasted nose, fat, lush wine with compact, tightly-wound tannins showing a noticeable grainy texture. Long, fruity finish. Impeccable presentation and complete integrity in a powerful, modern style."

Guide to the Wines of France 2012 p. 179 - BETTANE and DESSEAUVE

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