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**Punkte 91/100** "Vielleicht der Tipp des Jahres: tolle Nase mit viel Frucht, Piment und Zimt, viel Druck, Schliff und Saftigkeit; viel Wein."

*Weinwirtschaft 25-12*

**Score 90/100** "I thought this was a sleeper of the vintage from barrel, and it is even better than I thought from bottle. Loads of black currant fruit intermixed with dusty, loamy soil notes and some subtle smoke jump from the glass of this dense ruby/purple-colored, concentrated, full-bodied wine, which has no hard edges. The texture is beguiling and the wine long and pure. This is definitely a wine to buy by the case, as it"

*Review - Robert PARKER - February 2012*

**Score 16/20, 1\*** "Lovely Merlot expression for an elegant 2009 with fine tannins and wonderful balance. A wine whose richness doesn't impress so much as its elegance appeals. A delicious drink in 5 to 10 years' time."

*Best wines of France Guide 2012 p. 149*

**Score 91-93/100** "Impressive colour. Intense nose of black fruits. Dense, compact, long, fresh and balanced on the palate. Splendid."

*Le FIGARO Club Vins Primeurs 2009 - Bernard BURTSCHY - June 2010*

**Score 15/20** "Wonderful nose of black fruits. Complex nose where substance combines seamlessly with oak. Great potential."

*La Revue du Vin de France - June 2010*

**Score 88-90/100** "Profound nose of black berries with a touch of mint and liquorice. Dense, powerful palate finishing with eucalyptus."

*BETTANE DESSEAUVE - April 2010*

"This over-achieving sleeper of the vintage boasts a dense ruby/purple color as well as plenty of black cherry, asphalt, and earth notes in its dense, packed and stacked personality. Lots of glycerin, heady alcohol, and a long, supple finish suggest it will drink nicely for 6-8 years. (Taste once.)"

*The wine advocate - Robert PARKER - April 2010*

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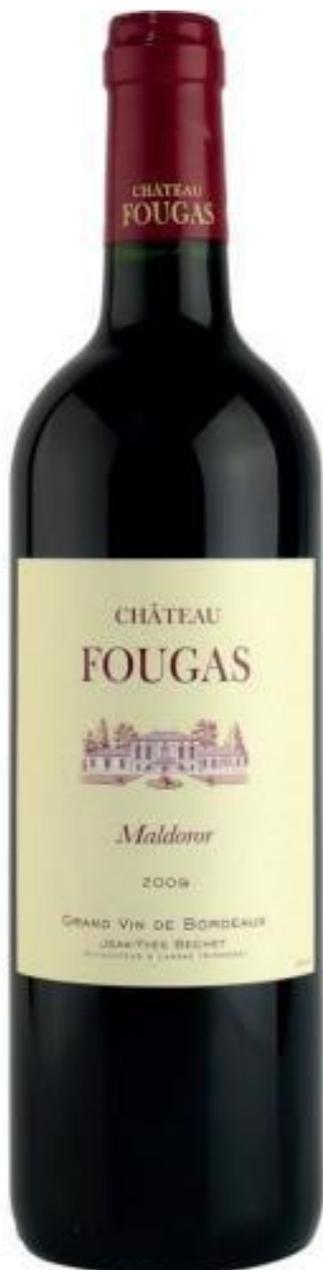
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**2\*\*** "This 16-hectare vineyard is divided between several sites in Lansac. The Maldoror label is a handsome wine that encapsulates the qualities of a great vintage. The colour is a dense, dark crimson, bordering on black. The nose is profound and still dominated by oak, it exudes scents of cedar and vanilla. Full, round and fleshy, the palate is supported by oaky, peppery tannins. A wine that will age for at least three to five years."

*Guide Hachette des vins 2012 p.244*

**Score 17/20** "Beautiful dense, clean colour. The nose is alive with ripe fruits and plum. The palate is nicely etched. It has style, depth and is a wine oozing with personality."

*Patricia GARRY - April 2010*

**Score 89-90/100** A property managed organically, which made a real difference in 2009. 100% new oak ageing. Blend: 75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet-Sauvignon. Jean-Yves Béchet: "One of the consequences of organic viticulture this year was that the grapes ripened earlier, a week before the others, between September 15 and 20. We therefore picked grapes that were still fresh and the must showed no heaviness, with fruit and good acidity." **Score 17.50/20 Organic.**

*Great Bordeaux Wine - Isak LITWAE - April 2010*

**Score 17.5/20** "Fruity nose of cherry and blackcurrant with violet. Soft palate, still under oak influence at this stage, with a spice and vanilla note. Soft, delicious palate driven by freshness with fine-grain tannins and a finish of fruit and mocha."

*Jean-Christophe ESTEVE - April 2010*

"Skillfully vinified, this dark, well-balanced wine delivers fairly rich substance, fine tannins and a real natural elegance. I like the silkiness of a well-balanced framework and the finesse of oak that does not smother aroma. A wine that is still approachable and deserves our interest. Long finish suffused with black fruits. Good."

*www.degustateur.com - Patrick ESSA*

"Black and red fruits, very soft, gentle palate. A supple, enjoyable wine that can be drunk fairly young."

*Le POINT p. 46 - 6 May 2010*

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**Wine-Times - Helmut O.KNALL - May 2010**

**4\*\*\*\*** Tasting at the Cercle Rive Droite des Grands Vins de Bordeaux, Château Fougas Maldoror 2009

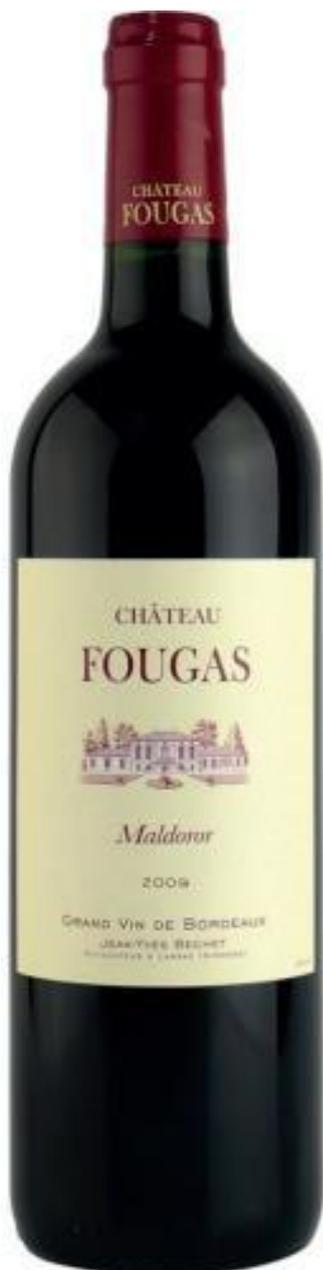
**Grand Jury Européen - April 2013**

**Punkte 91/100** "...auch aus weniger prestigeträchtigen Appellationen kommen Spitzweine : tolle nase."

**Wein Welt - Februar/März 2013**

**Score 16.5/20** "One of the domains headlight of the naming. This 2009 in a dark purple ruby rather dense and bright, of a big elegance. In the nose, it is intense, an attack marked by an elegant breeding, the blackcurrant, the crystallized cherry and the menthol. The mouth is powerful and modern, the Merlot expresses himself splendidly, it is candied, pleasant, of the velvet, one magnificent bank-right very greedy and persistent as one pleases. If I was to be critical I would find him(her) all the same a small solar side, but I love. A wine which is opened at the moment. But he could be there otherwise from here some time. An evolution to be followed, because the acidity seems little present, although the balance of the set could be responsible for this impression."

**www.lapassionduvin.com - Jean AUBER - February 2016**



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