

Château Puy Guilhem, Fronsac 2009



A mature and traditionally styled Bordeaux showing ripe and fleshy black berried fruits with a lovely savoury and earthy finish.

Awards

92 Pts James Suckling , 2016
Gold, SWA, 2018

Producer Note

The stunning 18th century Château Puy Guilhem is located on the hills of Saillans, overlooking the appellations of Pomerol and Saint-Émilion. The vineyard covers 14.5 hectares and is situated at the highest elevation of the Fronsac appellation, where the quality soils produce rich, concentrated grapes. The vineyard is manually cultivated following a sustainable philosophy and renowned consultant oenologist Stéphane Deroncourt vinifies by parcel, creating hand-crafted, fruit focused and beautifully balanced wines.

Vintage

2009 is widely cited as an outstanding vintage. The growing season was almost perfect, with a long, fine, warm summer and crucially, cooler nights which helped to retain balancing acidity. The wines are intensely ripe and rich.

Vineyard

The appellation of Fronsac is on the right bank close to Saint Emilion. The wines are dominated by Merlot. Château Puyguilhem's vineyard is situated in an elevated position of the appellation, atop high quality soil composed of a mix of clay and silt, which imparts structure to the wine. The vineyard is managed sustainably without the use of herbicides. Cover crops of grass are grown between the vines and managed with light tilling.

Winemaking

Fermentation took place in temperature controlled vats and lasted for 24 to 48 hours. The fermenting must was manually pumped over, with daily observations to check the evolution of the skins. Maceration lasted between three to four weeks to extract the desired levels of colour, flavour and tannins. The wine was aged for 12 to 16 months in French oak barrels, of which 50% were new and 50% was of one year.

Tasting Note

A powerful yet elegant red with ripe berried fruits enhanced by a subtle note of oak spice. Full bodied, with juicy fruit and an attractive savoury note on the finish.

Grape

Merlot 100%



Winemaker:	Stéphane Deroncourt
Region:	Bordeaux
Sub region:	Fronsac
Country:	France
Alcohol:	14%
Body Value:	C (A is light, E is full bodied)
Residual Sugar:	0.4
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/No
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic/Biodynamic	No/No
Product Code:	4235409A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Natural Cork