



Wonderful World of Wine

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Gary Parker Collection

2020 Chateau Faizeau, Selection Vieilles Vignes

Growing Region.....	Montagne St-Emilion, Bordeaux
Varietal Composition.....	94% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc
Fermentation.....	50% New French Oak 18-24 Months
Alcohol Content.....	15.5%
Suggested Retail.....	\$50.00
WineSeller Club Price.....	\$41.39

Broad Strokes: 93 Points James Suckling

Chateau Faizeau takes its name from the Benedictine Abbey of Faize, which is located quite close to the vineyard. Chateau Faizeau is now owned by the large negociant firm, Crus et Domaines de France They purchased the estate in 2011 from Chantal Lebreton. Previously, Chateau Faizeau was owned by the Raynaud family, which still count among their holdings in the Right Bank, Chateau La Croix de Gay and Chateau La Fleur de Gay, which are both located in Pomerol.

Until 2000, the well-known consultant, Dr. Alain Raynaud was involved with the estate, but that changed when his sister, Chantal Lebreton purchased his shares in the winery. Following the exit of Alain Raynaud, the well-known consultant **Michel Rolland** was brought in to assist with the wine making. the vineyard has some of the oldest vines in the Right Bank. The oldest vines survived the devastating frost of 1956. In fact, they have vines that are more than 100 years of age, as they were planted all the way back in 1911!

Appearance:

Can we make a statement? I must say this really would stand out on any wine shelf in a store, that is for sure. Entertaining, and still readable, probably costs about \$1 for each label I am guessing. The wine is a very dark ruby red and black at the core.

Nose:

Exotic! Very dense black and red fruit aromatics. Blueberry, black plum, black walnut, touch of earthiness, vanilla and meat of black cherry. Spicy oak notes, almost sappy, black pepper with mineral/gravel essence.

Texture:

Lush... powerful, rich fruit edged by firm tannins, alcohol, and youthful wood-borne acidity. Solid richness in the middle palate overtakes the bracing beginnings, yielding to a more open, solid new world styled Bordeaux.

Flavor:

Black plum fruit with dark black cherry, rounded by spicy oak, vanilla, chocolate, freshly strapped leather and black pepper. Raspberry and blueberry, mineral, hot stones give it a gravelly edge.

Serving Suggestions

Definitely a wine to cellar 5-10 years, especially at this price point!