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Castillon- & Francs-Côtes de Bordeaux

There were no freak climatic occurrences in 2010 as there had been in 2009 (a hailstorm in May which affected the north of the region) so quality was more uniform in Castillon and Francs this year. The clay-limestone terroir efficiently regulated the water supply avoiding stress in the vineyard and the clement autumn weather enabled the grapes to achieve full ripeness. Consequently, some excellent wines have been made. Alcohols are high but acidities are good and pHs low meaning good balance. This is definitely a year to keep an eye out for this region's good value wines. By James Lawther MW.

Recommended wines

[Chateau Joanin Becot, Cotes de Castillon 2010](#)



Serious wine. Deep purple-black hue. Big, rich and powerful. Sophisticated use of oak. Acidity gives balance. Persistent. Drink 2015-2022. (16.5 points)

[Chateau d'Aiguilhe, Cotes de Castillon 2010](#)



Powerful constitution but attractive fruit and refined texture and tannins. Drink 2015-2022. (16.5 points)

Domaine de l'A, Cotes de Castillon 2010



Sumptuous nose. Pure fruit aromas and flavour. Caressing fruit on the palate. Tannins ripe and long. Drink 2015-2022. (17 points)

Chateau de Francs, les Cerisiers, Cotes de Francs 2010



Despite 14.5% alcohol still fresh and fruit driven. Drink on the fruit. Drink 2013-2018. (15.5 points)

Chateau de Laussac, Cotes de Castillon 2010



Plum, cherry aromas and flavour. Chalky, terroir notes. Tannins a touch robust. Drink 2014-2018. (15 points)

Chateau Marsau, Cotes de Francs 2010



Plum and berry flavours but freshness as well. Ripe but robust tannins. Drink 2013-2018. (15.5 points)

Domaine de l'Aurage, Cotes de Castillon 2010



Owned by Louis Mitjavile (son of François of Tertre Roteboeuf) and true to family tradition ripe and opulent (even exotic) with soft, supple tannins. Plum and cherry notes. Suave texture. Drink 2013-2018. (15.5 points)

Chateau Cote Montpezat, Cotes de Castillon 2010



A really enticing wine this year. Fresh, zesty with lovely crushed raspberry aroma and flavour. Fine, ripe tannins. Drink 2013-2018. (16 points)

Chateau Montlandrie, Cotes de Castillon 2010



Denis Durantou's (Eglise-Clinet) second vintage. Definitely more structured than the '09 with attractive fruit and spicy, chalky complexity. Drink 2014-2020. (16 points)

Chateau Puygueraud, Cotes de Francs 2010



Medium-bodied, round but classic in style. Fresh, clean and reserved. Drink 2015-2022. (16 points)

Clos Puy Arnaud, Cotes de Castillon 2010



Plenty of fruit and vitality but rapier-like acidity suggested the malolactic not fully complete. Could be worth a higher note. Drink 2015-2022. (16 points)

Chateau Robin, Cotes de Castillon 2010



Refreshing and digestible medium-bodied wine with 40% Cabernet in the blend. Expressive, fruit driven nose. Succulent palate with a lively freshness. Well worked tannins. Drink 2013-2018. (16 points)

Chateau Ampelia, Cotes de Castillon 2010



Round and supple but with good acidity. Ripe tannins. Oak apparent but should settle. Drink 2013-2018. (15.5 points)

Chateau La Croix Lartigue, Cotes de Castillon 2010



Owned and made by S. Derenoncourt and team. Ripe but fresh and clean. Long and linear. Good value. Drink 2013-2018. (15.5 points)

Chateau Veyry, Cotes de Castillon 2010



Ripe and smooth with fine tannins and texture. Good length. Well-made. Drink 2014-2020. (16 points)

Chateau Cap de Faugeres, Cotes de Castillon 2010



Hallmark deep colour and succulent fruit. Very ripe but fresh acidity for balance. Well-made modern style. Drink 2014-2020. (16 points)

Clos Les Lunelles, Cotes de Castillon 2010



Structured and powerful but with racy fruit. Firm tannins and marked acidity. Will need some bottle age. Drink 2016-2024. (16 points)