

## SPRING 2012 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Club de Vin Member,

At Château Fonplégade and Château L'Enclos our hearts beat to the rhythm of the seasons, and one of our favorite seasons is upon us as spring breathes life back into our vineyards after a long winter's slumber. The bulbs on the plants are beginning to grow and blossom and the first flowers are in bloom. Soon, a verdant world will return to our beautiful vineyard landscapes. As spring begins to take shape, our boutique team is readying to welcome the first visitors of the season, while in our cellar, Franck Jugelmann is guiding our winemaking team as they make the final blending decisions for the highly anticipated 2011 vintage.

Some of you have already had the chance to taste several of the exciting 2011 blends during our recent reception. For those who were unable to attend, here are some of Franck's comments: "The 2011 vintage is classic Bordeaux, offering freshness, abundance of fruit and amazing structure. Though the wines are still quite youthful in barrel, they show remarkable promise."

### **2011 FUTURES week and a Great Score from *Wine Spectator*!**

We will soon be offering our Château Fonplégade 2011 and Château L'Enclos 2011 to journalists and the wine trade as part of Futures week. During these important tastings our wines will be assessed by publications like *Decanter*, *Wine Advocate* and *Wine Spectator* who will then publish their reviews. We are greatly looking forward to this year's Futures week, and to continuing a string of impressive vintages for our wineries.

Speaking of *Wine Spectator*, we received some high praise in the January 18<sup>th</sup> edition of *Wine Spectator Insider* when our 2009 Fonplégade earned a **93-point rating**, and was spotlighted as one of the editors' "**most exciting new wines.**" Out of 800 2009 Bordeaux wines reviewed by *Wine Spectator*, this edition of the *Insider* focused on only 40, and we were proud to be included alongside such luminaries as Pétrus, Cheval-Blanc and Le Pin.

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**Our New Website: Fonplegade.com**

From now on, you will be able to keep abreast of all our latest press at the new fonplegade.com. We are thrilled with our new website, and we think you will be too. In addition to offering detailed information about all things Fonplégade, you may now manage your Club de Vin account on our website, and shop online with ease and safety.

The next news we will be posting online will be the release announcement for our 2011 Fleur de Fonplégade Rosé! The response from our Club de Vin members to our inaugural 2010 release was phenomenal. In fact, it was such a great success that we could not but produce another vintage! With its freshness and vivacity, our 2011 Rosé is a stunning follow-up to our debut vintage.

Finally, with this Spring Newsletter you will be receiving your long-awaited shipment of the 2009 Château Fonplégade, as well as a new addition to our family of wines, the 2009 Le Petit Enclos. *Wine Spectator* called the 2009 Fonplégade “Long and gorgeous,” while remarking on its “lovely density and balance.” As the second wine of Château L’Enclos, Le Petit Enclos is a Pomerol wine of pure pleasure. One is perfect for life’s special moments, the other will bring conviviality and flavor to more everyday occasions. We hope you enjoy them both!

Wishing you great tastings!  
The Fonplégade Club de Vin Team  
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