

MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES



CHÂTEAU DE PEZ, ST. ESTÈPHE

This ancient Bordeaux estate of Pez dates back to the year 1450 and is one of the two oldest Saint-Estèphe estates. Since 1995, Château de Pez has been owned by the House of Louis Roederer. The estate covers 74 continuous acres, with 59 acres planted mainly with Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, along with small amounts of Petit Verdot and Malbec.

KEY POINTS

1. Château de Pez winemaker, Philippe Moureau, uses a progressive, natural approach to vineyard management, limiting the use of chemical pesticides and herbicides.
2. Under the ownership of Louis Roederer, the estate has been restored to its original splendor in the chateau, the cellars and the vineyards.
3. The wine is fermented 21 days on the skin in temperature-controlled large vats. This ancient vinification process is making a popular comeback with the First Growths in the Médoc. After one year in barrel, the wine is fined using fresh egg whites. Absolutely no filtration takes place.
4. The wine is elegant with a fine balance and soft tannins, not typically rustic and masculine like other St. Estèphe wines. It is aged in wood (40% new oak) for 16 to 18 months.

