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Saint-Émilion, France
Vintage: 2019

Overview

Château Peymouton is part of the estate of Château Laroque, a historic Grand Cru Classé of Saint-Émilion located just 3.5 km east of the medieval village.

Château Laroque, one of the largest estates of the appellation, dates back to the 12th century. Thanks to its strategic position atop a limestone plateau overlooking the Dordogne river valley, it then acted as a key defensive stronghold to the nearby village. The vineyard itself was planted in the 18th century. The Beaumartin family acquired the property in 1935, and, in the 1960s, began modernizing the vineyard and winemaking facilities.

In 1996, Château Laroque was granted Grand Cru Classé status for 66 acres of its vineyard while the remaining 76 acres gave birth to a new wine: Château Peymouton, Saint-Émilion Grand Cru.

Château Peymouton is represented by Établissements Jean-Pierre Moueix, a wine merchant with exclusive distribution rights of over twenty eminent Right Bank châteaux. These exclusivities, which are renowned for the quality of their wines, represent relationships nurtured over the course of many years.

Winemaking

Château Peymouton is managed by the same team and enjoys the same care and attention as Château Laroque. Harvest takes place based on the individual maturity of each parcel, and the wine is vinified gently with particular care given to the expression of fresh fruit. Fermentation in thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks, aging partly in French oak barrels.

The wines of Château Peymouton express the elegance of this historic terroir in a vibrant, fruit-driven style that can be enjoyed after just a few years of cellaring.

Harvest Notes

After a mild winter, spring alternated between sun and rain. Rain in early June first influenced the vintage; indeed, flowering suffered as a result and Merlot grapes counted an average of just 120 berries (instead of the usual 200). Confirming global warming trends, the summer was exceptionally sunny and warm, just missing the historic record for hours of sunshine set in 2018. Hydric stress set in as early as mid-July. Happily, a gentle, favorable rain on July 26th set off a quick and even veraison. This moment marked the qualitative turn of the vintage. At the end of August, Merlot grapes weighed less than average, heralding exceptional concentration but low yields.

Graced by fine weather, Château Peymouton harvested optimally ripe grapes from October 1st to 14th.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 72% Merlot, 22% Carbernet Franc, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon

Acres: 76 acres acres

Soil Composition: Thin layer of rich clay over limestone; deep red clay