

# MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES

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Saint-Estèphe, France

Vintage: 2015

### Overview

Founded in the 15th century, Pez is the oldest domaine in Saint-Estèphe. The Pontac family, then-owners of Château Haut-Brion, gave Pez its vineyards. The property remained in the hands of descendants until the French Revolution. Sold as a property of the state, the domaine belonged to a succession of families until 1995, when it was purchased by Champagne Louis Roederer.

Château de Pez is one of the oldest properties in Bordeaux's Left Bank and consists of 104 continuous acres with 94 acres planted to prime grape varieties, mainly merlot and cabernet sauvignon. Thanks to the quality of its production, Château de Pez is counted among the most highly reputed crus of the Médoc and was reclassified as a Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel in 2003.

### Winemaking

Château de Pez remains resolutely faithful to wood. The blend is composed in December, and the wine is stored in barrels (40% new wood, 40% in "Premier vin" casks and 20% in "Deuxième vin" casks) and racked every three months. It is to be noted that the wine undergoes absolutely no filtration.

### Tasting Notes

Rich black fruits on the nose. Long, round, sappy palate developing aromas of morello cherry, blackcurrant and a pleasant sweetness on the finish.

### Harvest Notes

Despite all of the surprises, fears and doubts, 2015 turned out to be a remarkable vintage. The growing cycle took place in perfect conditions up until some extremely dry weather in July, leading to worries over low yields. The rain and associated fungal diseases that are usually feared turned out to work for the best from mid-July to mid-September, enabling the vine to reach optimum ripeness levels. The wines are distinctive and exceptionally precise yet also dense and restrained. Reminiscent of the extremely dense yet ethereal Bordeaux's of the 1980s, with an excellent aging potential yet able to be enjoyed in their youth.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 51% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc

Soil Composition: Gravel with clay and limestone

Average Vine Age: 25 years