

# MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES

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Saint-Estèphe, France  
Vintage: 2016

### 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

The bouquet of this wine expresses notes of blackcurrant, cherry and liquorice as well as a hint of minerals. Rich and complex, this wine maintains the balance between density and harmony, power and refinement, race and the precision of its tannins.

### Harvest Notes

After an anomalously mild and rainy winter, prompting a consistent but predicted budding, summer arrived definitively on June 20th. This very dry summer compensated for a very wet spring. Saint Estèphe's chalky clay soils played an important role by retaining humidity thus allowing the vine to find water when in an otherwise none would have been available. The harvest began on September 20th and continued gently on until October 18th allowing for optimal ripening of each plot.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 53% Merlot, 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3.5% Petit Verdot, 1.5% Cabernet Franc  
Soil Composition: Gravel with clay and limestone  
Average Vine Age: 25 years