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CHÂTEAU DE PEZ

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Saint-Estéphe, France
Vintage: 2018

Overview

Originally founded in the 15th century, Château de Pez is one of the oldest properties in Bordeaux's Left Bank and the oldest domaine in Saint-Estèphe. Château de Pez consists of 104 continuous acres with 94 acres planted mainly to Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Since 2005, Pez has been on an exciting intellectual and technical journey of precision winemaking: experimenting with biodynamic viticulture, a new cellar allowing for plot-by-plot vinification, a meticulous selection of French oak barrels. Under winemaker Nicolas Glumineau's helm, the property bears the distinctive hallmarks of Saint-Estèphe with a modern, elegant twist.

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

Very expressive nose of morello cherry and brown tobacco, with sweet notes of liquorice candy and peony. A complex palate, expressing violet and fresh blackcurrant, finishing with hints of thyme and a touch of bitter orange zest that gives the finish a gourmet taste. It is a sensual and charming, yet restrained Saint-Estephe. Silky, smooth tannins give this Pez 2018 a precise and refined length.

Harvest Notes

There are vintages which stand the test of time and remain true references for our properties. At Pez, without a doubt, 2018 will be one of them in more ways than one! A vintage of all extremes, bringing together several vintages into one, 2018 delights us, enriches our experience and maintains our passion for winemaking, a vector of emotions.

After a very wet and cold winter, the bud break was late, around mid-April. The relative mildness from April to June allowed a flowering at the end of May. The many storms that hit this period encouraged unprecedented mildew pressure. The vineyard of Pez experienced little coulure and fortunately escaped the hail. A hot and dry climate settled in from mid-July, causing a heterogeneous veraison. It began on July, 29 for the Merlot and ended on August 17 for Cabernets and Petit Verdots. Stretching from September 18 to October 9, the harvest allowed each plot to be harvested at full maturity under excellent sanitary conditions.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 49% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc
Wine Alcohol: 14%
pH: 3.75
Soil Composition: Gravel with clay and limestone
Average Vine Age: 25 years
New Oak: 30% w/ egg white fining