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CHÂTEAU PONTEY-LAMARTINE



PESSAC-LÉOGNAN BORDEAUX, FRANCE

Pessac-Léognan is a prestigious appellation for red wine in the Bordeaux region of south-western France. It was carved out of the Graves sub-region in 1987 as recognition for its high quality red and white wines. Many of the estates in what is now Pessac-Léognan were the best performers in the Graves Classification of 1959.

The regions wines tend to be based on the Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc grape varieties. They best suit the terroir of Pessac-Léognan. The dominant soil type is the same gravel (and sand) which gave Graves its name.

White wines are made predominantly from Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. This duo thrive on the sandier soils of the appellation and produce extremely long-lived wines. The wines are often matured in oak for greater complexity.

DESIGNATION

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VARIETY

50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot

VINEYARD

The vineyard, 13 hectares in size, it is planted 50% Cabernet sauvignon, 42% Merlot, and 8% Petit Verdot. The soil, composed by thin gravel mixed with black sand, on a clayey and gravelly sub soil has all the necessary characteristics to produce great red wines.

PROCESS

Destemmed at harvest followed by traditional vinification with 20 to 25 days maceration. The finest 50% of the production is dedicated for this bottling after rigorous selecting and blending. Aging occurs in French oak barrels, 40% new each year. Gentle fining and filtering at bottling 18 to 24 months after harvest.

TASTING

This wine opens with remarkable freshness that underlines well-placed tannins and intense color. Generous volume on the palate with a balance of fruit that is both elegant and rich.

WINERY

In 2004, Dominique Haverlan replaced a 13-hectare pine forest decimated by a Storm in 1999 on a beautiful gravelly hilltop with an exceptional vineyard. The very latest agricultural technologies were used to create a fine wine worthy of the famous appellation – a wine that stands shoulder to shoulder with its prestigious neighbors Domaine de Chevalier (Cru Classé de Graves) and Château de Léognan.