

CHÂTEAU DE PEZ SAINT-ESTÈPHE



OWNED BY CHAMPAGNE LOUIS ROEDERER, A FAMILY GROUP

Jean-Claude Rouzaud, father of Frédéric Rouzaud, purchased Château de Pez in 1995. Won over by its remarkable terroir and ideal location, his mind was definitely made up after tasting the wine! In 2003, Château de Pez was classified a "Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel" along with eight other estates.



ANCIENT AND PRESTIGIOUS ROOTS

Like its neighbor Château Calon Ségur, Château de Pez is one of the oldest vineyards in Saint-Estèphe. Founded in 1452, for two centuries Château de Pez belonged to the Pontac family, also owners of Château Haut-Brion and pioneers in showcasing great terroirs.

PEZ, WELL-BALANCED WINES, BUT NOT ONLY!

Pez is a hamlet in the Saint-Estèphe appellation. Pez means "Paix", or "peace" in old French.

A REAL GEM: AN EXCEPTIONAL TERROIR ON PAR WITH THE MÉDOC GREAT GROWTHS

The Pez vineyard is located on a high point, north of the appellation, on a typical terroir made of gravel on a clay-limestone subsoil, overlooking the Gironde Estuary.

Our objective is two-fold: to reveal the terroir and preserve it, by practicing viticulture that respects the environment.

THE VINEYARD WAS COMPLETELY RESTRUCTURED AND REPLANTED

In collaboration with the Roederer technical team, work to replant this 42-hectare vineyard began in 2005 in order to improve the harmony between the grape varieties, the rootstock and the terroir. The vineyard was entirely redesigned on a plot-by-plot basis to create a new kind of balance between the roundness and silkiness of Merlot and the structure of Cabernet Sauvignon.

SHARED EXPERTISE WITH CHÂTEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE COMTESSE DE LALANDE

For over ten years, General Director and Winemaker Nicolas Glumineau has fostered daily discussions between the two estates, both in the vineyard and cellar.

His many years of experience at Saint-Estèphe have helped him understand the specific texture of the tannins born out of this Northern Médoc terroir, eventually weaving a common thread with Pichon Comtesse.

Nowadays, the teams led by François Taris-Loiry, vineyard manager, and Stéphanie Danglade, oenologist, have a shared vision of the style of wines they seek to produce, using a plot-by-plot approach, gentle extraction and moderate aging.



« *The sleeping beauty now has all the makings of a Grand Cru! I believe Pez is at a turning point in its history!* »

FRÉDÉRIC ROUZAUD



A STATE-OF-THE-ART PRODUCTION TOOL, COMBINING TRADITION AND MODERNITY

Château de Pez has a very traditional cellar with temperature-controlled wooden vats, to which a series of conical stainless-steel vats was added in 2018 to allow even more precise winemaking. A total of 40 different-sized vats and plot-by-plot fermentation enable this unique terroir to express itself fully with subtlety and finesse. Two new barrel cellars have been created for longer aging in barrels, resulting in finer tannins.



A POWERFUL AND ELEGANT SAINT-ESTÈPHE WINE

The wines of Château de Pez are round, fine and elegant.

The precision accorded to every detail produces a typical Médoc which is fairly powerful, fruity, round, rich and smooth on the palate, making for a delicious wine with excellent ageing potential, reflecting the signature style of Pichon Comtesse wines.

