

Château Peyraron 2014

CSPC# 791491

375mlx24

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety 63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot
Appellation Haut Medoc
Classification Cru Bourgeois
Website <http://www.chateau-peyraron.fr/chateau-peyraron-2014-nabuchodonosor-151-4.html>

General Info Chateau Peyraron has a history that dates back to the mid to late 1700's. In fact, the chateau was built in 1766. The wine of Chateau Peyraron had become popular enough that by the late 1800's, the wines were priced at the same level that some of the 1855 Classified Growths were selling for. The owner at the time, Arnaud Roux was so sure his wine deserved to be classified, along the same lines as his neighboring estates, Arnaud Roux actually sued, hoping to force a reclassification of the Medoc that included Chateau Peyraron. Needless to say, he did not win his case. The judge ruled against him in 1869 and the 1855 Classification was not changed. The modern era for Chateau Peyraron begins in 1998, when the property was sold by Jacques Babeau to Patrick Bernard. Patrick Bernard was quite well-known in Bordeaux by this time as he is related to Olivier Bernard of Domaine de Chevalier and Patrick Bernard was also responsible for forming Millesima. Millesima is both a large Bordeaux negociant and a massive direct mail order house for the sale of Bordeaux wine.

Under the stewardship of Patrick Bernard, Chateau Peyraron has both increased in size and improved in quality. Patrick Bernard spent more than 2 Million Euros to improve the estate after its purchase. Some of the improvements to Chateau Peyraron include the replanting of 11 hectares of vines. Trees were cut down to increase the air circulation for the vines and a new drainage system was installed. There was also a modernization of the cellars, wine making facilities and chateau.

Vineyards The property is now composed of 52 hectares in production: Château Peyraron is from the 45 hectares located in the Haut Médoc appellation. The remaining 7 hectares are in the Pauillac appellation and are used for the production of Château La Fleur Peyraron.

Part of the additional 2 hectares acquired in the fall of 2005 and ideally located between Château Lafite-Rothschild and Château Mouton-Rothschild, at the place La Berre de Lande, has been in the production of the Peyraron Flower since the 2006 vintage.

As in the majority of the vineyards on the left bank, Cabernet Sauvignon is the dominant vine. The grape variety of the AOC Pauillac is 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot and 7% Petit Verdot; Peyraron 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot. On average, the vines are close to 25 years of age.

Harvest The vines are picked using a combination of mechanical harvesters and manual pickers.

Vinification The wines are vinified in temperature controlled, stainless steel vats. Malolactic fermentation takes place in tank.

Maturation The wine is then aged in 25% new, French oak barrels for an average of 14 months before bottling. There is a second wine, Chateau Pierbone. On average, Chateau Peyraron produces close to 35,000 cases of wine per vintage

Tasting Notes The 2014 vintage reveals a bouquet of red berries. The tannins are relatively well concentrated which promises an important evolution and quality. The empyreumatic notes are present but do not stifle the generosity of the fruit. The soft attack brings a silky mouth.

Cellaring Drink 2018-2028



Scores/Awards **89 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #227 - October 28, 2016
88-90 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #218 - April 29, 2015
91 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - April 1, 2017
15.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2015 (score only)
15.25 (85+) points - Steven Spurrier, Decanter.com - June 2015
83-85 points - Jeremy Williams, winewordsandvideotape.com - April 2, 2015
87 points - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com - March 2015
14.5 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only)

Reviews *"The 2014 Peyrabon has a ripe blueberry and creme de cassis-scented bouquet that has a touch of volatility. The palate is sweet and lush on the entry with plenty of black cherry and blueberry fruit, belying what feels like a firm structure underneath and renders the finish drier and more classic than expected. There is a lot going on here and I suspect it will age with style. Tasted September 2016."*
- NM, Wine Advocate

"The Château Peyrabon 2014 offers a broody, dark berry and tea-leaf bouquet that feels a little rustic vis-a-vis its peers. The palate is medium-bodied with a fresh, cedar-tinged entry. There is a mixture of red and black fruit here, with a nicely focused finish that makes up for the bashful bouquet. I like the style of this Peyrabon, and it should be worth inquiring about once released."
NM, Wine Advocate

"Owned by the Bernard family who also own one of the major Bordeaux négociants, Millésima, the wine is structured, deliciously fruity and with a series of smoky tannins that will allow it to age. It comes from a vineyard close to Pauillac and that shows in the dense Cabernet Sauvignon that gives the wine its weight. Drink from 2021."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"Good clear fruit, freshness and depth."
- SS, Decanter.com

"Mid depth; fresh and attractive looking; stalky blackcurrant aromatics; elegant; quite light on palate; needs to infill; not a blockbuster but soft and easy overall. Drink 2018-2022. Tasted 2 April, 15 Cru Bourgeois tasting at d'Arsac. 83-85"
- JW, winewordsandvideotape.com

"Vibrant, lifted flavors that are sweet and balanced with lovely cherry and plum. This is a delicious, great value red at only about 8 euros a bottle. An amazing wine from the Bernard family with Eric Boissenot as consultant. Majority is Cabernet Sauvignon."
- JCL, asianpalate.com
