
Château Palmer Historical XIXth Century Wine 2017

CSPC# 837340

750mlx3

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

42.5% Merlot, 42.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Syrah

Appellation

Margaux

Classification

Vin de France

Website

<https://www.chateau-palmer.com>

General Info

Named for a former owner, General Charles Palmer, this historic grand cru estate in Margaux is now managed by Thomas Duroux, who was formerly with Tenuta dell'Ornellaia in Tuscany. This blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Syrah will astound the taste buds with a lush mosaic of flavors that includes mocha java, plum, tobacco, and boysenberry.

"On the occasion of a trip to the United States, we had the unique experience of tasting a Chateau Palmer 1869 at the home of a great wine collector. We began discussing the practice that was common at the time of blending fine Bordeaux wines with a small proportion of wine from the North of the Cotes du Rhone region. One can find a few bottles from this period bearing on their label the name Cru with the added mention "hermitage" or "ermitage" (the term refers precisely to the practice of adding wine from another region). This was of course before AOC regulations put an end to such practices. We decided that it would be interesting to experiment with this practice again with the wines we are making today."

First made in 2004, the Chateau Palmer Historical XIXth Century Wine is a two-region blend, not a "Bordeaux wine" per AOC regulations. The mix includes 42.5% each of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from the Chateau Palmer estate vineyards. The other 15% is Syrah taken from the Rhone Valley.

Because of the regional and varietal mix, Historical XIXth Century Wine is not labeled as Bordeaux but simply Vin. For the same legal reasons, the name Chateau Palmer, the picture of their chateau does not appear on the front label and the wine is not vintage dated. Vintage can be determined by the lot number on the bottom of the bottle. For example, L20.17 reflects the 2017 vintage.

The wine is not made every year.

Winemaker

Thomas Duroux

Vintage

Classed as Non-Vintage (as the grapes are not all from Bordeaux or Château Palmer), this wine could be described as a fascinating and unusual blend of 85% Bordeaux (50/50 Merlot & Cab Sauv) from the vineyards of Chateau Palmer and 15% Syrah from the Rhône, produced as an homage to a wine that might have been released in the 19th century.

Tasting Notes

Intense garnet red. The nose aromas of ripe cherry, raspberry and a touch of graphite. In the mouth repeats the red fruit with velvety tannins and robust with a large balance. A wine to age. A rare wine that combines the excellence of a prestigious Margaux wine and Rhone wines, Historical XIXth Century Wine 2017 will delight lovers and collectors of great wines from all over the world.

Serve with

Ideal with wild game and cheeses.

Cellaring

Drink now-2035

