

Château Peyrat 2019

CSPC# 837716

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation

Graves

Classification

Grand Vin De Bordeaux

Website

<https://www.chateaupeyrat.fr/>

General Info

"Peyrat" is the name of the lieu-dit where the winery is located. It means "pierre" or stone in the old, local dialect. The vineyards are planted on a bedrock of limestone with sand and clay.

After 15 years of experience and commitment to the fine wine sector, Aurélien Dolor, along with Ludovic and Damien Martial shared the common goal of taking over the reins of a property in the Graves appellation. In 2014, they saw the potential with Château Peyrat and brought together 27 passionate investors to help in their endeavor.

Winemaker

Pierre Jean Sanchez

Vintage

2019 Graves red and white wines at their best are aromatic, soft, smoky, medium-bodied, forward and refined. They should all deliver pleasure early. In fact, most will be delicious on release.

The 2019 Graves vineyards enjoyed the same climatic conditions as found in its neighbor to the north, Pessac Leognan. The first 3 months of the growing season were moderate and easy for growers. Things changed in April as the month was cooler and wetter than usual. This was good for the vintage in the Graves appellation, which can be warm and precocious. April's cooler climatic conditions slowed the vintage down a bit. Prior to the summer, the biggest potential issue growers faced was when fears of frost struck the region twice. The first time happened on April 13 and April 14 when freezing, icy temperatures dipped below zero for a few nights. Frost conditions returned a second time, May 5 and May 6.

From there, the summer however was warm, sunny and very dry. Though the nights were often cool, allowing acidities to build. July and August continued the summery conditions. Fortunately, two July rainstorms helped added much needed moisture to the vines.

Most vigneron were busy harvesting Sauvignon Blanc grapes by late August and by mid-September they were busy picking their Semillon and young Merlot vines. The majority of September was mostly warm, sunny and very dry until the last part of the month, which delivered water to the thirsty soils helping the red wine grapes to reach maturity. By the middle of October, almost every grower in the appellation had completed picking their Cabernet Sauvignon under good, easy to harvest in conditions.

Analysis

pH level: 3.8 Residual sugar: 1 g/L Acidity: 2.8 g/L

Vineyards

Located in Cérons, in the heart of the Graves AOP, Château Peyrat is a 42 acre "clos" currently planted to 20 acres of white varieties and 19 acres of red. With its microclimate, due to the proximity of the Garonne River, and the sandy, clay soils on a limestone bedrock, Peyrat typifies the Graves terroir, displaying minerality, freshness and finesse. As for viticulture, the team at Château Peyrat promote working the soils and sowing grasses to restore the vineyards natural balance and to promote biodiversity. "Let the plant live, express itself, create a symbiosis with the elements."

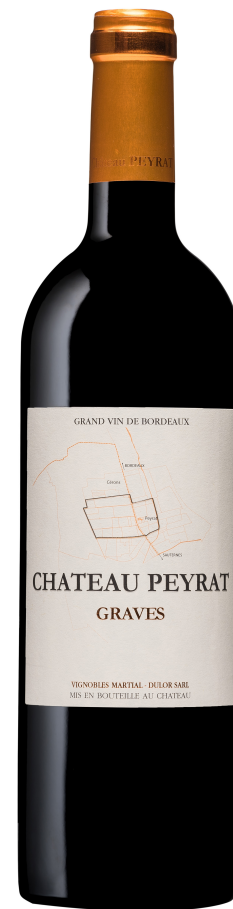
Average vine age is 20-25 years

Harvest

September

Maturation

Château Peyrat has a simple winemaking philosophy - respect the typicity of the grape varieties and work in small concrete tanks to conserve fruit and freshness to the wines. Cold stabilization. Fermented in cement vats for 4-5 days at 75oF. Punchdown, Pumpovers, and Aeration. Maceration length 20-30dys. Full malolactic fermentation. Aged in 90% cement vats and 10% French oak barrels for 12 months. Aged for 12 months in the bottle before release.



Tasting Notes Ruby color, brilliant. Spicy, fresh, toasted, blackcurrant nose. Straight on the palate, fresh, spicy, notes of nutmeg, hazelnut, fresh red fruits. The terroir is still marked by the ample, clean and spicy mouthfeel.

Serve with Ready to drink with spicy dishes, grilled meats or fine cold cuts.

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