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# Château Peyrat 2020

CSPC# 837716

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	70% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot
<b>Appellation</b>	Graves
<b>Classification</b>	Grand Vin De Bordeaux
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.chateaupeyrat.fr/">https://www.chateaupeyrat.fr/</a>
<b>General Info</b>	<p>"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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Winemaker</b>	Pierre Jean Sanchez
<b>Vintage</b>	<p>The growing season began with an unseasonably warm winter and the high temperatures continued into the spring, which meant the worst of the April frosts were avoided. Instead, the region saw heavy rains create a warm, humid atmosphere and diseases like rot and mildew became prevalent, meaning producers had to be vigilant. However, the downpours did provide one boon by revitalizing the water tables in the soil, which would prove invaluable in the upcoming summer months. The summer was extremely hot and arid although infrequent showers did fall until late August, when the season then completely dried out. Good weather prevailed through to the harvest. The resulting crop was smaller than usual, it was in excellent condition with small, thick-skinned berries in great health.</p>
<b>Vineyards</b>	<p>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."</p> <p>Average vine age is 20-25 years</p>
<b>Harvest</b>	September
<b>Maturation</b>	<p>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 20-30dyas. Full malolactic fermentation. Aged in 90% cement vats and 10% French oak barrels for 12 months.</p> <p>Aged for 12 months in the bottle before release.</p>
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Serve with</b>	Ready to drink with spicy dishes, grilled meats, or fine cold cuts.
<b>Production</b>	70,000 bottles
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2023-2030
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<b>84-86 points</b> - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - May 2021
<b>Reviews</b>	<p><i>"Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, the 2020 Peyrat offers notes of Bing cherries, redcurrants, and mulberries, plus hints of raspberry leaves, wild sage, and crushed rocks. The medium-bodied palate delivers just enough red berry flavors with a lively line and chewy texture, finishing with an herbal lift."</i></p> <p>- LPB, Wine Advocate</p>

