

Château Ormes de Pez 2019

CSPC# 866064

12x750ml

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	50% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot
Appellation	St. Estèphe
Classification	Cru Bourgeois Exceptional
Website	http://www.jmcazes.com/en/chateau-ormes-de-pez/aoc-saint-estephe
General Info	<p>The origins of Château Ormes de Pez, date back to the eighteenth century. Château Les Ormes de Pez is one of St-Estèphe's leading Cru Bourgeois properties. It was bought by Jean-Charles Cazes in 1936 and is now owned and run by Jean-Michel Cazes. The latter owns Lynch-Bages Situated on the edge of the hamlet of Pez in the northern part of the Saint-Estèphe commune, the property takes its names from a beautiful copse of great elm trees long since disappeared. The vineyard and winemaking techniques combine the best of tradition and modernity to give birth to harmonious wines of spicy and voluptuous character, true expressions of the terroir in their appellation.</p>
Winemaker	Daniel Llose
Vintage	<p>Bud break came relatively early in the vegetative cycle of the Saint-Estèphe vineyard, as in Pauillac (27 March for the Merlot and 2 April for the Cabernet on average). However, this head start was gradually lost with the arrival of unfavourable weather throughout the spring. Flowering generally began around 24 May. June proved a pivotal month for the 2019 vintage; the first two weeks were quite unsettled, followed by summer temperatures and even scorching heat.</p>
Vineyards	<p>The vineyards are located in two plots north and south of the village of St Estèphe, on the sand and gravel that is typical of the commune. There are 33 hectares in all, with 70% of the vines Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc and 20% Merlot. They have an average age between 25 and 30 years and are planted at a density of 9000 vines/ha.</p>
Harvest	<p>The grapes were harvested traditionally by a team of about forty people. Picking of the Merlot began on 24 September and lasted until 4 October. Picking of the Cabernet then followed and continued through to 11 October, which was also the day harvesting officially came to an end. The Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot grapes were picked on 2 and 4 October respectively.</p>
Vinification/ Maturation	<p>Traditional vinification methods lasting on average 20 days were used for all vats, with rapid alcoholic fermentation. Running off began on 15 October. Barreling started after malolactic fermentation at the end of December, to begin 16 months of wood ageing in 45% new barrels.</p>
Tasting Notes	<p>The wine is fresh, refined, and velvety with intense purplish garnet colour and a characteristic nose marked by aromas of fresh black berries (blackberries, blackcurrants). Ormes de Pez 2019 offers big well-rounded tannins, typical of Cabernet Sauvignon, but also fruity aromas brought by the Merlot, and a complexity introduced by toasted notes acquired from ageing in barrels</p>
Serve with	<p>Chateau Les Ormes de Pez is best served at 15.5 degrees Celsius, 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The cool, almost cellar temperature gives the wine more freshness and lift. Chateau Les Ormes de Pez is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, stewed and grilled dishes. Les Ormes de Pez also pairs well with several different Asian dishes.</p>
Production	18000 cases made annually
Cellaring	Drink now-2032
Scores/Awards	<p>92 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2022 90 points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022 92-94 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - June 2020 94 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - March 2022 93 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022 92-93 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020 93 points/Editor's Choice - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 2020</p>



Scores/Awards **16.5 points** - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - December 2021
94 points - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - January 2022
92 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - June 2020
93 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022
90-93 points - Farr Vintners - May 2020
92-94 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - June 2020
91 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2022
91-93 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - June 2020
94 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - April 2022
92-94 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2020
89 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2020
91+ points - Thomas Parker MW - March 2022
93 points - Vert de Vin - April 2020

Reviews *"Offers a delightful mix of dark fruit and fresh flavors, with plum and blackberry notes infused with dark tea, singed cedar, and licorice root, all carried by sleek acidity through the finish. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2032"*
- JM, Wine Spectator

"The 2019 Ormes de Pez exhibits generous aromas of sweet berry fruit, rose petals and pencil shavings, followed by a medium to full-bodied, lively, and seamless palate that's bright and integrated, with an elegantly fleshy core of fruit, fine tannins, and a saline finish. Produced by the Cazes family of Château Lynch-Bages, this is invariably one of the most charming, friendly wines of Saint-Estèphe. Drink 2021-2041."
- WK, Wine Advocate

"Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2019 Ormes de Pez comes bounding out of the glass with energetic scents of black raspberries, fresh blackberries, and crushed blackcurrants plus suggestions of menthol, dark chocolate, cedar chest and pencil lead with a hint of rose oil. Medium-bodied, the palate has electrically charged black fruit flavors with compelling tension and beautifully ripe, fine-grained tannins, finishing long and perfumed. Delicious! 2024 – 2047."
- LPB, Wine Advocate

"The 2019 Ormes de Pez is deep garnet-purple colored. It offers open-knit scents of plum preserves and baked blackberries with hints of blackcurrant cordial, roses, Chinese five spice, and Provence herbs. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has tightly knit fruit and firm, grainy tannins, finishing long and mineral-tinged."
- LPB, Wine Independent

"This shows lots of spice, such as cloves and nutmeg, together with dark berries and cherries and some plums. It's structured and relatively dense, with lovely length and beauty. Needs time to open and come together. 50% merlot, 40% cabernet sauvignon with cabernet franc and petit verdot. Lovely now. Try after 2024."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Plenty of spice and plums on the nose. Full body, round tannins, and flavorful finish. Raspberries and hazelnuts at the end."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"A smoky as well as fruity wine, this stablemate of Lynch-Bages shows fine tannins as well as rich fruits. The wine is sure to develop well, so drink from 2024."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"Fragrant and less dense than many left-bank reds in this vintage. Lively, dry, dark and stony/mineral with a cool and elegant freshness. Dry, stony aftertaste. (JH) 14.5%. Drink 2030 – 2045."
- JH, JancisRobinson.com

"Intense nose, smells powerful, strong, and structured. Excellent energy, this is good quality, quite bold and rich, velvety, and clearly powerful with tannins that are at the fore right now and totally cover the mouth. This has a juicy appeal though with bright strawberry and cherry fruit flavours and a minty fresh finish. Lovely overall appeal. One to hold on to for a few years before opening. Drinking Window 2024 - 2038."
- GH, Decanter.com

Reviews *“Plenty of punch in this Ormes de Pez, full of rich ripe black fruits, traces of exotic spices of cinnamon and saffron from the heat of the summer, and brilliant value if looking for personality and appellation signature.”*

- JA, Decanter.com

“The wine has picked up steam during the aging process. Now you find notes of flowers, peppery red fruits, cocoa, tobacco leaf, cedar, and spice. The wine is fresh, lush, round, and ripe, with a rich, creamy, dark red fruit packed mid-palate. This is clearly the best vintage of Ormes-de-Pez ever produced. Drink from 2024-2040.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“Deep ruby in colour. Bold and ripe on the nose with dark cherry and red plums. There is a little toast and cedar too to add complexity. The palate is crunchy and compact, with grippy tannins framing juicy red fruit. Notes of blackcurrant and nutmeg build on a sappy finish.”

- Farr Vintners

“The 2019 Ormes de Pez has an intense bouquet of blackberry, bilberry, pencil box and light fumé aromas, nicely defined but demanding encouragement from the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with supple, pliant tannins almost unrecognizable from the somewhat sturdy offerings in the past. It feels seductively smooth in texture with a very satisfying, detailed finish. One of the best Ormes de Pez that I have tasted in recent years.”

- NM, Vinous

“The 2019 Ormes de Pez is laced with savory herbs, leather, licorice, tobacco, dark fruit, and expressive earthy undertones. There is good breadth and plenty of personality leading into the grippy finish. Drink this potent, pleasantly rustic Saint-Estèphe over the next decade or so.”

- AG, Vinous

“The 2019 Ormes de Pez is ample and creamy, with a real sense of resonance that emerges with a bit of time in the glass. Inky dark fruit, leather, licorice, and scorched earth are nicely pushed forward here. A wine of depth and power, Ormes de Pez is very nicely done.”

- AG, Vinous

“Pure crème de cassis, mulberries, leafy herbs, Asian spices, and lead pencil all emerge on the nose, and this medium to full-bodied 2019 has the vintage’s pure, focused, elegant style while staying ripe, supple, and textured. The balance is spot on, and it’s going to hit maturity in roughly 8-10 years.”

- Jeb Dunnuck

“Impressive spiced black and blue fruits, cedar pencil, flowery incense, and a touch of chocolate emerge from the glass of this rich, full-bodied effort, which offers ample tannins, a solid core of fruit, and a great finish. I love its complex, layered style, but it has enough tannins to warrant short-term cellaring.”

- Jeb Dunnuck

“Deep ruby colour with a fresh nose of cedar, hedgerow fruit and hints of sweet spice. The palate brings more depth of fruit, with notes of blackcurrant and dark plums bolstered by baking spices. There is a real vibrancy thanks to bright acidity. This is an elegant but dark-fruited Ormes de Pez with a chalky, savoury finish. Perfect for the medium term, and it may surprise with its ageing potential.”

- Tom Parker MW

“The nose is harmonious, racy, finely tight, very discreetly on the hold and offers a beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of pulpy/juicy Boysenberry, pulpy/juicy strawberry, small notes of pulpy blueberry associated with small touches of crushed redcurrant, lily, violet as well as fine hints of camphor, grey pepper, and hot gravel/terroir. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, elegant and offers tension, finesse, a small freshness, a beautiful guideline, a fine density as well as a beautiful pulpy/juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy strawberry, pulpy/juicy raspberry, small notes of pulpy/juicy blueberry associated with small touches of cassis, cornflower, lily, fine hints of cherry, hot gravels/terroir, caramelization, tonka bean as well as a subtle hint of vanilla pod and hazelnut. Beautiful grains of the tannins.”

- Vert de Vin