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France

CHATEAU PONTAC-MONPLAISIR WHITE

Bordeaux

PESSAC LEOGNAN

The History

In the 16☐ and 17☐ centuries, the de Pontac family, influential in Guyenne, held key positions, including mayor of Bordeaux and bishop of Bazas. Count Jacques de Pontac owned several estates, including the famous Haut-Brion, then called Pontac Haut-Brion. In 1885, Domaine de Pontac became Château Pontac Monplaisir. After the French Revolution, the estate was divided up. In 1920, Auguste Maufrais bought it. Neglected during the 1940 war, it was renovated in 1955 by Jean Maufrais. Today, Athanase Fakorellis is responsible for the vinification, which was overseen by the oenologist Émile Peynaud. Since the 1980s, Jean's son has carried on the family tradition with a vinification worthy of the Grands Crus Classés.

The grape

50% Sauvignon blanc , 30%,Sémillon 20% Sauvignon gris

Tasting notes

Fresh, expressive nose combining citrus fruit, white fruit and floral notes. Lively and taut on the palate, with volume from the clay limestone terroir (65%) and f inesse from the sandy gravel (35%). Long, saline and well-balanced finish. An elegant white, both precise and delicious.