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France

CHATEAU PONTAC-MONPLAISIR RED

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

75% MERLOT, 25% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Tasting notes

A complex bouquet, combining aromas of ripe black fruit (blackcurrant, blackberry) with toasty, spicy and slightly smoky notes, the signature of its controlled ageing. On the palate, the attack is supple and precise, carried by a lovely freshness. The dominant clay limestone terroir (80%) gives the wine firm structure and great depth, while the 20% sandy gravel adds elegance and tannic finesse. The balance between fruit, wood and minerality is harmonious. The long, lingering finish suggests