



With origins dating back to 1770, this quasi-mythical wine is recognised for its consistency of style and quality, as well as the small quantities produced. The celebrated Pomerol estate was originally under the label of “Petrus-Arnaud” acknowledging the original owners, although the origin of the allusion to Saint Peter is unknown. After winning a gold medal at the Paris Exposition Universelle of 1878, Petrus came to be recognised as one of the best crus in Pomerol, and sold at the same price as 2^{eme} Crus from the Médoc – the first Pomerol wine to do so.

After a couple of changes of ownership, in 1945 Jean-Pierre Moueix was granted exclusive commercialisation rights, working with the owner to transform the reputation of the wine, bringing its market price up to the same level as the 1^{er} Grands Crus. In 1969, the Moueix family bought the property outright, as well as an additional four hectare of land from Château Gazin significantly increasing the estate’s size. Jean-Francois Moueix is the actual owner.

The estate’s 11ha of Merlot vines are situated on the top of the plateau de Pomerol. The vines benefit from the “argile bleue” soil which offers unique drainage properties which are optimal for Merlot. An average yield might offer 2,500 cases.

All grapes are picked in the afternoon only, once the morning dew has evaporated, avoiding any chance of dilution. The grapes are fermented in cement vats, with maceration lasting normally between 15 and 21 days to ensure no over-extraction. Once fermentation is complete, the wine is then aged in French oak barrels for 22-28 months.

The style of Petrus is unique. It can be the most aromatically complex wine of Pomerol, filled with spice, coffee, blackcurrant, liquorice, violet, chocolate, plums, dark cherries, truffles, wet earth and fresh flowers. In the best vintages, the texture is other worldly. It has a richness, as well as silk and velvet feel that no other Bordeaux wine can offer. Petrus requires time to develop. Even though it’s produced from almost 100% Merlot, Petrus is one of the longest lived Bordeaux wines produced.

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