

LES HAUTS DE PEZ

SAINT-ESTEPHE

2018

The year in view

The first months of the year proved very difficult with extreme weather conditions in the spring that led us to fear the worst. But the glorious weather that followed in the summer and lasted right into October provided 2018 with everything it needed for greatness. The old adage "after the rain, the sun," sums up this year perfectly. And it was the return to hot, sunny conditions that saved this vintage, giving it an exceptional freshness and concentration worthy of the greatest vintages.

Once again, the Saint-Estèphe terroirs have demonstrated their extraordinary capacity to turn climatic contradictions to their advantage, notably by using hydric reserves accumulated through the wet winter to combat summer drought. As a consequence of the humidity of the spring, and the resulting impact on the sanitary condition of the vines, yields were reduced in some vineyards. However, this had no effect on grape quality, and finally the volume of the harvest was within the average for the decade.

The harvest, which started early and was very lengthy, took place in optimum conditions. Sun-drenched grapes, gloriously fruity and intensely coloured, offered remarkable maturity. In the cellar, extractions needed little encouragement, such was the richness and structure of the juice. A perfect vintage that has a splendid future in front of it!



THE HARVEST

Merlot : 16 september
Cabernet Sauvignon : 2 october
Cabernet Franc : 29 september



FINAL BLEND

- Merlot 28%
- Cabernet Sauvignon 57%
- Cabernet Franc 19%



ANALYTICAL PROFILE

- Degree: 13°
- pH: 3,70
- Polyphénol index: 60

TERROIR

Graves Girondines and
marnes argilo-calcaires



TASTING NOTES

Bright ruby color with good intensity.
Fresh red fruits on the nose, delicious mouthfeel
with well-wrapped tannins and a nice return on
the fruit on the finish.

Château Tour de Pez is among the vineyards managed by the Vignobles de Larose group.

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