



CHÂTEAU PEYRE-LEBADE 2012

Château Peyre-Lebade has a rich history that is graced by several illustrious figures. There are records dating back to the twelfth century of vines being grown on the site by the Cistercian monks at the Abbey of Vertheuil. The great painter Odile Redon lived and painted many of his most famous works at the property, which provide a wonderful reflection of the site's charm. By 1979, the property had fallen into a state of disrepair and was acquired by Baron Edmond de Rothschild, who already owned the neighbouring properties of Château Clarke and Château Malmaison, located in Listrac and Moulis, respectively. Château Peyre-Lebade is now an integral part of the properties belonging to Edmond's son, Baron Benjamin de Rothschild, and Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) handles the marketing of the wines. The 55 hectare vineyard is planted with Merlot (64%), Cabernet Sauvignon (24%) and Cabernet Franc (12%). The soil consists of limestone and well-drained clay-limestone. The property's name almost certainly comes from this limestone-rich geology. Peyre-Lebade means "pierre levée" or "raised stone", and there is an old limestone quarry on the site that probably served to provide limestone for the construction of the neighbouring villages.



■ VINEYARD ATTRIBUTES

Appellation : AOC Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux, France

■ VINTAGE SUMMARY

A rather wet spring considerably delayed the start of the vine's growth cycle, but was followed by a dry summer and scorching temperatures in July and August. The dry weather continued for the first three weeks of September, enabling, despite relatively late ripening, an excellent natural concentration of the grapes

■ WINE MAKING SCHEME

Length of ageing in oak barrels: 12 to 16 months.

■ TASTING NOTES

Colour: Beautiful crimson colour, tinged with dark purple.

Nose: Fairly intense notes of red fruit (plums, blackcurrants and cherries), with a slightly woody hint of cedar, vanilla and liquorice.

Palate: The attack is clean and direct presenting a fairly strong tannic structure; good, long aromatic length on the finish.

Ageing potential: This vintage has a good potential to age of around 10 years, however, it could also be enjoyed in its youth from 2015-2016 onwards.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals : Merlot 70%, Cabernet sauvignon 30%

Yield : 45 hL/ha

Alcohol content : 13 % vol.