



CHÂTEAU

**ORMES DE PEZ**

SAINT-ESTÈPHE



**2023**

VINTAGE



## Château Ormes de Pez, a family history

Château Ormes de Pez belongs to the Médoc landscape since the 18th century. Located West of Saint-Estèphe and bordering the hamlet of Pez, the estate owes its name to a magnificent grove of elm trees, which no longer exists today. Château Ormes de Pez is the second property – after Château Lynch-Bages – acquired by the Cazes family in 1939.

The vineyard extends over two distinct terroirs: the Cabernets thrive on the gravelly parcels composed of quartz and rolled pebbles whereas Merlot is best-suited to the cooler, sandy-clay parcels.

With a distinctive harmonious spicy character, Château Ormes de Pez is true to its terroir. Wine lovers appreciate its opulence, elegance and well-rounded structure. Its powerful, rich and excellent tannic backbone allows graceful ageing.

## Château Ormes de Pez, in a nutshell...

Historic property of the Cazes family since 1939, the Château is also known for its B&B.

Located in the small hamlet of "Pez", the property owes its name to a beautiful grove of elm trees which was planted on the property in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Over the past ten years, a major restructuring of the vineyard has been carried out by adapting each varietal to the nature of the soils and thus in order to reach optimal and regular ripeness on each parcel.





# 2023

## « La nature agit, l'homme fait. »



Emmanuel Kant

The 2023 vintage got off to a sometimes unpredictable start. Between drought and rain, the mild winter gave way to a promising spring. The first flowers appeared, but with them came fears of growing disease pressure, particularly on the Merlot. Fortunately, the teams acted swiftly, deploying preventive measures to contain this threat, thereby preserving the vigour of the vines.

Summer arrived and brought its own challenges. High temperatures exacerbated the water stress and blocked ripening in some plots. But in mid-September, a fortunate rain episode kick-started the ripening of the Cabernets, bringing about the long-awaited balance. The small, highly concentrated berries were in an excellent sanitary state.

Despite the obstacles, the early harvest heralded a very promising outcome.

*"Château Ormes de Pez 2023 has an intense, brilliant garnet-red colour, while the nose reveals lively notes of fresh red fruit. On the palate, a perfect harmony emerges, with elegant notes of oak, underpinned by a fine tannic structure."*

Nicolas Labenne, technical director, March 2024

### Appellation

Saint-Estèphe

### Surface

40 hectares

### Terroir (soil)

Garonne gravel and sandy-clay

### Harvest

Hand-picked and sorted at the vineyard and table  
19<sup>th</sup> September - 4<sup>th</sup> October

### Average yields (appellation)

52 hL/ha

### Ageing

16 months  
in French oak barrels  
(45% new oak)

### Blend

55% Merlot  
34% Cabernet Sauvignon  
6% Cabernet Franc  
5% Petit Verdot

### Analyses

Acidity: 3,4 g/L d'H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>  
Alcohol: 13,5% vol.  
pH: 3,71  
TPI: 77



## Château Ormes de Pez, the label's hidden secret revealed!

The design of the label has been inspired by the elm trees since the 2003 vintage.

The illustration not only pays tribute to the beautiful elm trees which no longer exist, but is a strong distinctive symbol of the estate. The label also has a hidden secret: six turtle doves lay peacefully on some of the tree branches... Will you be able to spot them?



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