

## **PETRUS 2018 POMEROL**

Research shows the oldest records regarding the history of Petrus goes all the way back to the mid 1750s, making it one of the earliest established vineyards in Pomerol.

### **KEY POINTS**

- Petrus takes its name from the Greek version of St. Peter, "Petros."
- Owned by the Arnaud family for the better part of 200 years until the end of World War II, Petrus was then sold to Mme. Loubat, who had progressively acquired the property since 1923. Upon her death in 1961, the estate was passed to her family, who eventually sold it to Jean-Pierre Moueix.
- Jean-Francois Moueix and his children, including Jean Moueix, are the owners of Petrus today.
- Grapes are hand-harvested over 5-6 days and fermented in temperaturecontrolled concrete tanks.
- The young wine is aged in 50% new French oak for 18 months. Severe pre-assemblage vat selection is carried out and certain parcels are rejected from the Grand Vin.
- Petrus' new cellars abut the vineyard, which is located at the highest point of the appellation. This offers natural drainage.





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- The 11.5-hectare vineyard of Pétrus is located on a plateau in the eastern portion of Pomerol; 100% is planted with Merlot grapes. The soil consists of a high percentage of iron-rich clay.
- The estate was among the first in Bordeaux to implement green-harvesting as a way to lower crop yields and raise the quality of the remaining grapes.
- The yield is among the lowest in Bordeaux, partly through green-harvesting to concentrate the power and quality of the remaining crop (eliminating up to 50% of the crop in certain years).

#### WHAT MAKES THE TERROIR OF PETRUS SO UNIQUE?

- The clay soils of Petrus are at least 40 million years
- The thick gravel on the surrounding plateau is only one million years old.
- There are two layers of clay at Petrus.
- The topsoil of dark clay is 60 to 80 centimeters
- It is the unique subsoil that is not found in any other vineyard.
- When the dry summer months arrive, the vines are still able to feed on the much needed moisture.
- Petrus is unique as its entire 11.5 vineyard is right on top of the clay. Neighboring vineyards only have a portion of blue clay in their soil.

#### ALSO:

WINE ADVOCATE - 100 POINTS VINOUS - 100 POINTS WINE CELLAR INSIDER - 98-100 POINTS **JEB DUNNUCK - 98-100 POINTS** WINE ENTHUSIAST - 97-99 POINTS



It has so much intensity and density with fantastic ripe fruit with spices, dark berries and walnuts and hazelnuts Currants and licorice. Violets and earth. Full-bodied, very, very tannic yet polished and beautiful. Lasts forever on the palate. Reminds me of the great 1998.

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Grand Vin













