Château Pineraie Cahors Tradition, AOP Cahors 2022

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Château Pineraie

— South West France, France

The original Malbec! The popularity of Argentinian Malbec owes much to its French relatives!

Production

The estate comprises of 37 hectares which contains the various soil types that make up the Cahors. On the terraces of the Lot, the vineyard is made of subsoil composed of old alluvium and limestone plateau with clay and marl. Composed of 85% of Auxerrois and 15% of Merlot, the vine stocks of the Pineraie are on the 2nd and 3rd terraces and on the limestone plateau. A dozen hectares are located on the commune of Lacapelle Cabannac. The lower parts of the vineyard are clay while the higher parts are clay, limestone and hard flint. Quality control is a major factor to production, with low yielding limits applied to each patch to help produce ripe, healthy grapes whilst maintaining a good balance with the land. Pesticides are only applied according to a weekly statistical parasite count and weather forecast. The vines, including some very old Malbec, are planted in clay-limestone soil which helps to keep yields naturally low (productivity is approximately 4.500 litres per hectare). Chateau Pineraie is made of 85% Cà´t (Malbec) and 15% Merlot with the grapes being hand sorted according to very strict specifications. Fermentation is controlled to 30 degrees with maceration on the skins from 2 - 3 weeks, including frequent pumping over and aeration. The wine is then aged for one year in oak barrels, 20% of which are new barrels. It's only lightly filtered before bottling to preserve fruit quality and character.

Tasting note

Intense cherry fruit, blackcurrant and lots of spicy oak. Characterful and complex with a moreish balance of attractive chalky tannins and acidity.

Food Match

Drink with red meats or pork in wine, cream or even peppercorn sauces and game. Mature hard cheeses work nicely, too!

ABV:
13.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Cork

Category:
Sustainable

Appellation:
AOP Cahors

Winemaker:
Family Burc

Grape Varieties:
Malbec 85%, Merlot 15%

Suitable for:
Vegan

Bottle Barcode:
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