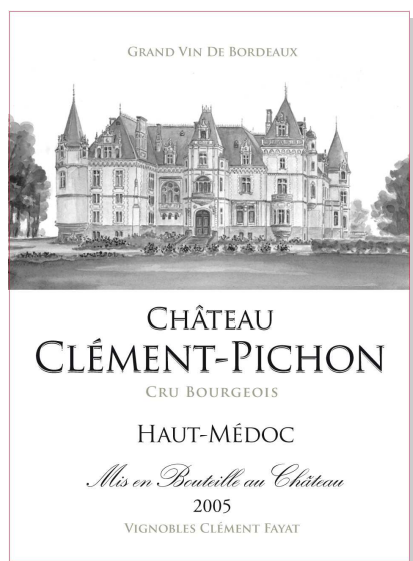


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Château Clément Pichon is located on the outskirts of Bordeaux in the village of Prempuyre and his history dates back to the XIVth century when it was known as La Motte Caupène. After having belonged to successive families and twice hosting King Louis XIV, the chateau was rebuild by the Durand-Dassier family in 1881 after a fire. This architectural curiosity which is of Renaissance inspiration, was acquired by Clément Fayat in 1976. He completely recreated the 25ha vineyard.

Vintage profil 2008

Dates of harvest

Merlot : from October 2nd au October 6th 2008

Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc :

October 13th 2008

Yield : 43 hl/ha

Blend:

Merlot 65% Cabernet Sauvignon 35%

Alcohol : 13,2 %

Production : 120 000 bottles

Vinyard

AOC Haut-Médoc

Surface: 25ha

Planted grape varieties: Merlot 50%

Cabernet Sauvignon 40% Cabernet Franc 10%

Soil: Large gravel on the surface over iron sub-layer.

Average age of vines: 25 ans

Planting density: 6500 pieds/ha

Harvesting

Manual, carried in wooden baskets.

Sorted on the vine and on a table before total de-stemming.

Vinification

By plot, in thermo regulated steel vats.

Maceration : 17 to 22 days.

Aging

Entirely in oak barrels, during 12 months, half of which are renewed every year.

Racking, fining with egg whites before estate bottling.

Commercialisation

Through the Bordeaux market place

Owner : Clément FAYAT

President : Jean-Luc THUNEVIN

Overall a very slow growing cycle from the beginning of the season to the end. Budding, leaf growing took more time than usual. Frost on the 6th and 7th of April. Thunderstorms in May, sunshine and rain in June. New hopes return after a perfect July. August and the beginning of September are rather grey and wet. The second part of September and a fine October with dry and sunny days and fresh nights, finally allows an effective last-minute ripening.