Vieux Chateau Certan



PRODUCER
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REGION
Bordeaux

WHERE
Pomerol, Bordeaux

CLASSIFICATION
Pomerol (unclassified)

GRAPES
Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE AND SIZE
2005 · 12 x 75cl OWC

About Vieux Chateau Certan

Vieux Château Certan is one of the historic estates of Pomerol, lying on the high plateau close to Petrus. It has belonged to the Belgian Thienpont family since 1924. Alexandre Thienpont managed it from the mid-1980s and his son Guillaume now runs it.

The estate is unusual in Pomerol for its relatively high proportion of Cabernet Franc, with a little Cabernet Sauvignon, alongside Merlot on clay and gravel soils. This gives wines of more structure and aromatic freshness than many of their neighbours. VCC, as it is often called, has become one of the most sought-after wines of the Right Bank.

About the wine

Vieux Château Certan blends Merlot with a significant share of Cabernet Franc and a little Cabernet Sauvignon, unusually for Pomerol. The result is a wine of elegance and perfume as well as depth, with dark cherry, plum, violets and fine-grained tannins. It is firmer than many Pomerols when young and ages superbly, often for thirty years or more.

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