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CHÂTEAU PAS DE L'ÂNE

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Blend: 60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Franc

Terroir: Soils are gravelly and ferruginous sands with clay-limestone. Vines are 50 years old on average.

Farming: Sustainable farming

Aging: 12 months in new French oak barrels

Bottled: At the estate

Production: 6000 bottles



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Tasting notes

Château Pas de L'Âne was built in 1999 from a 1-hectare plot at the former Château Cros-Figeac. Located between Château Cheval Blanc and Château Figeac in the iron-rich upper plateau of the Saint-Émilion Grand Cru appellation that's home to not just the best wines of that AOP, but some of the best wines in the world, its pedigree has garnered it a dedicated following for the few bottles available each vintage. A rich and full-bodied wine with aromas of berries, black fruits, tobacco, roasted coffee, and spicy and woody notes. On the palate it is well-balanced and velvety, with refined power coming from concentration rather than weight and sweetness.

Rich blackberry fruit and layers of texture are a great combination for this wine that has profited from the quality of the Cabernet Franc in this vintage. It has plenty of fruit and acidity, as well as firm, still-toasty tannins that lend a hand extending the clean, floral finish. That this is composed of nearly 50% of some of the best Cabernet Franc in the world is vividly, startlingly evident from start to finish. Drink within the next 15 years.

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