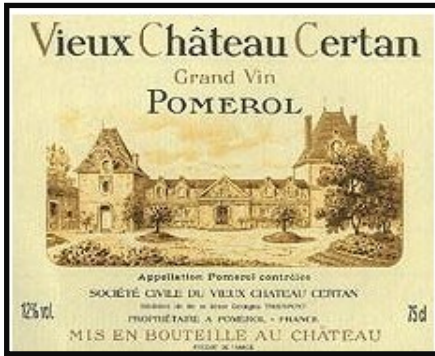


VIEUX CHÂTEAU CERTAN

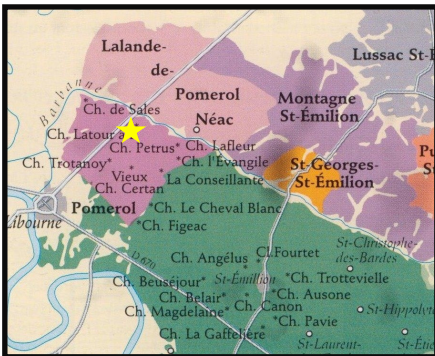
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Vieux Château Certan is one of the oldest Bordeaux estates in Pomerol. The estate's history dates all the way back to the mid 1700's when it was founded by Jean Demay de Certan. The Demay's were successful negociants and wine merchants. The wines of what we know today as Vieux Château Certan were originally sold under the name of Sertan. Vieux Château Certan was sold to the popular Belgian Bordeaux wine merchant, Georges Thienpont in 1924. Following the death of Georges Thienpont in 1962, the estate was managed by members of the family until Alexandre Thienpont took control of Vieux Château Certan in time for the 1986 vintage.



Since Alexandre Thienpont began managing Vieux Château Certan, he renovated the wine making facilities in 1988 and again modernized the traditional Pomerol estate in 2003. It was his decision to create a second wine, La Gravette de Certan. He began green harvesting, picking riper fruit and reducing yields as a regular part of their vineyard management techniques.



The 14 hectare Vieux Château Certan vineyard is one of the largest vineyards in the Right Bank that are planted in one single block of vines. Most of the vineyard surrounds the chateau, although, they also have vines placed close to Le Pin. Most of the the time, you find about 13.3 hectares in production. The vineyard is located in the center of Pomerol, on the plateau. Directly across the street is Château Certan de May and just down the road is Château Petrus. Vieux Château Certan has a terroir of clay and gravel soil, but things are more complex than that.

The vineyards of Vieux Château Certan are planted to 65% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. This shows a slight increase in the Cabernet Franc and decrease in the Merlot, planted here. On average, their average 50 years of age. However, there is one very old plot of Merlot that was planted all the way back in 1932, making it one of the oldest parcels in the Pomerol appellation.



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