

## Château Haut Peyrous-Retour de Palombières-AOC Graves-Rouge

The Haut Peyrous estate is owned by Marc Darroze the winemaker in the famous Darroze family of Gascony. He diversified from production of Bas Armagnacs to purchase this estate. His aim is to produce wines with lots of personality by making the most of the quality of the terroir on his estate. That's why Marc has taken steps in order to obtain certification of his estate as an organic wine producer. Since June 2008, all work on the estate (soil, treatments), has been carried out in accordance with organic production criteria.

The soil is worked mechanically, and the grass growing between the rows enables humus to develop and encourages intense microbial activity in the soils. Any possible deficiencies in the soil are rectified gently and naturally, and the vines are treated with products authorised by organic farming criteria.

At 80m above sea level, the Haut Peyrous Estate is on the second terraces of the Garonne River, in the village of Mazère south of Langon, and 7km from the Garonne itself.

**Region/Terroir:** Graves

**Grapes:** Merlot (65%), Cabernet Sauvignon (20%), Cabernet Franc (15%) and small amount Petit Verdot and Malbec.

**Alcohol:** 13%

**Soil:** The surface soil is made up of clay and loamy sand covered with pebbles, typical of this part of the appellation. The subsoil is also composed of sand with clays more or less deep, depending on the parcels.

**Wine making:** The long maceration period without massive extraction brought finesse to the wine, while maturing in oak barrels for one year helped to refine the tannins and to make the wine more complex. In 2009 new oak was used to emphasize the lovely fruit.

**Cellaring Potential:** Rich and soft now but will improve with 2-5 years in the cellar.

**Our Tasting notes:** Immediate complexity in nose with red fruits and violets. Great mouth feel, round, complex and gorgeous. Lovely weight and fruit. Restrained tannins. Lovely minerals and spice of good Graves.

**Year:** 2008/2009

**Size:** 750ml

