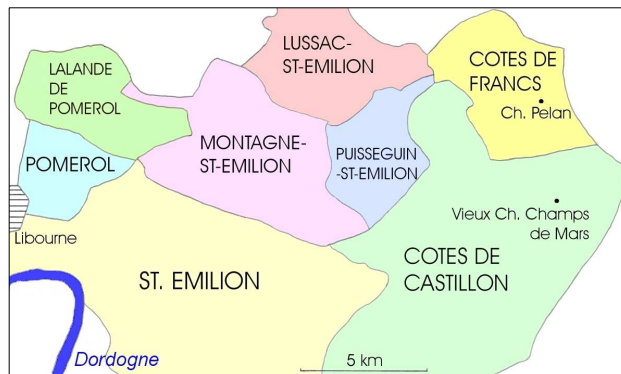


Chateau PELAN, Cotes de Francs from Regis Moro

Classic mature and complex Bordeaux at a great price – save up to £25!

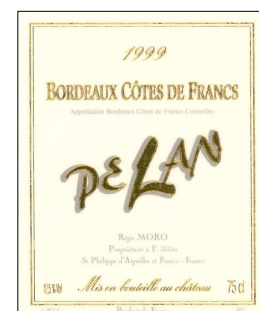
Bordeaux is the largest fine wine region in the world producing around 7 million hectolitres of AC wine. But this vast production, more than the whole of South Africa, masks a range of qualities from the most complex and age-worthy fine wine to often unripe basic Bordeaux. In between are the smaller appellations such as the Cotes de Francs where dedicated producers seek to make the best possible wines without the marketing edge of a glamorous Medoc name. This is where a wine stands or falls on its quality and the best can be remarkable value especially when compared to those of Pomerol or Pauillac. You can see from the map that the Cotes de Francs is just a few miles east of Pomerol. Whilst the climate is very similar the soils do vary, just as do they do in St Emilion.



Regis Moro manages three small family estates with his son Sebastien. Chateau Pelan-Bellevue is situated in the relatively unknown Cotes de Francs whilst Vieux Chateau Champs de Mars and Chateau Puy Landry are neighbouring estates in the Cotes de Castillon a little to the south. Regis is renowned locally for the exceptional quality of his wines and his efforts to raise the profile of the region. Even so he is a quiet, reserved man, thoughtful and considerate yet passionate about wine. Having previously suffered from lead poisoning he is devoted to sustainable organic viticulture and does not use any insecticides, pesticides or herbicides. Combined with a minimal use of sulphur Regis believes his pure, cleanly made wines can be appreciated by those who tend to suffer adverse affects after drinking red wine. His wines are certainly true to their terroir and show real Bordeaux character and finesse.

The soils at Chateau Pelan-Bellevue are more gravelly and free draining than the usual clay of St Emilion and its satellite appellations. This makes them more suited to Cabernet Sauvignon and as a result the wines have more of a Medoc character than might be expected. Regis reserves the Chateau Pelan name for the top wine from the estate. It is a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon and 35% Merlot aged in 100% new oak barrels. The high proportion of Cabernet provides a balanced framework to enable extended cellaring, far beyond anything that might normally be expected from this region. Indeed the 1999 has taken even longer than the outstanding 1998 to reach its peak and has only just reached its natural plateau of maturity.

We think the 1999 Pelan is an exceptional wine, demonstrated by the fact that it is packed in wooden cases of 12, and simply fantastic value at £9.99! The wine was initially quite tannic and reserved and due to this we have not really promoted it. At a recent tasting however the now mature wine proved the star of the show and we thought it time to tell you about Regis Moro and encourage you to give his wine a try. We have reduced the price by £1.50 a bottle to just £8.49 and if you want a case of 12 bottles we are offering free delivery as well, giving a total saving of up to £25! This great offer is only available whilst stocks last or until 31st January, so order now to make sure you do not miss out.



FR0759R Chateau Pelan Cotes de Francs 1999, Bordeaux, France 12.5% £8.49

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FRC035R 12 x Chateau Pelan £101.87
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Serious, structured classic Bordeaux, just reaching full maturity. Aromas of cedar, cassis and exotic spices with hints of smoke and dried herbs. Smooth on the palate with savoury tannins and good intensity and freshness. Medium-bodied, flavoursome with excellent complexity and lingering, wonderfully aromatic finish. Enjoy through to 2014 or beyond with careful cellaring.