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Appellation	Pomerol
Owner	EARL Château Certan de May
Director	Jean-Luc Barreau
Consultant	Jean-Claude Berrouet
Vineyard size	5.5 hectares (13.5 acres)
Soil Types	Clay and deep gravel
Vineyard Grape Varietals	70% Merlot - 25% Cabernet Franc 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
Average Vine Age	35 years
Viticulture	Certified HVE « Culture raisonnée » Vine growth management adapted to the climatic conditions
Harvest	Manual
Winemaking	Traditional, in thermo-regulated tanks
Aging	16-20 months in oak barrels (80% new)

History

The origins of Château Certan de May date back to the very beginnings of Pomerol. The de May family, who settled in France from Scotland in the Middle Ages, were gifted the property by royal decree in the 16th century as a gesture of thanks for services rendered to the crown of France. The estate began producing wine in the 18th century and was managed by descendants of the de May de Certans until 1925, when it passed to the Barreau family.

Situated on Pomerol's prized central plateau, surrounded by illustrious neighbors such as Vieux Château Certan and La Fleur-Pétrus, Château Certan de May has long been considered one of the finest estates of the appellation.

The wines owe their complexity to the vineyard's soil composition, a combination of clay and gravel that bring together power and elegance, structure and freshness. The balance of the wines from Château Certan de May illustrates the unique complementarity of these terroirs.

Director and co-owner Jean-Luc Barreau applies all of his care and attention to producing a wine in the great tradition of his forebears. Vinified under the guidance of renowned consultants Michel Rolland until 2012 and Jean-Claude Berrouet since the 2013 vintage, Château Certan de May benefits from the best winemaking know-how. The wine is rich, powerful, complex; while it can be enjoyed after a few years of cellaring, its structure and natural depth lend it great ageability.