



Château Peyfaures

One couple's adventure keeps the old-world legacy and character of a 13th century French vineyard alive and thriving

RICARDO MORAES lives a life that many have dreamt about but never pursued. Ricardo and his wife spotted Château Peyfaures on the market in 2017, fell in love with the property, and though they didn't know much about producing wine, they decided to buy the French vineyard. The couple had a goal in mind, however, to update the property that was owned by the Godeau family for seven generations, and to craft elegant, complex vintages each offered at an affordable cost.

To achieve these goals while living between France and Miami, Florida, the Moraes family works with Laurent Godeau, part of the family legacy who continues on as Château Peyfaures's director of winemaking. Laurent, a seventh generation winemaker grew up immersed in the history and traditions of Bordeaux and lives and breathes the art and science of winemaking. Laurent's strength is patience and

knowing intuitively how much oak and time in the cellar is necessary to bring out a wine's optimal character.

Together, the Moraes and Godeau families uphold family winemaking traditions while using sustainable farming techniques and cutting-edge technology that in combination defies today's more common large-scale wine operations. Ricardo also consults with Michel Rolland, one of the world's top oenologists. The beauty of Château Peyfaures' wines are the result of these strong collaborations and the vineyard's unique and delicate terroir created through chemical-, pesticide-free and nourishing soil and healthy vines which yield a premium product.

Château Peyfaures is located just west of Bordeaux in Génomac, France. There, you'd see a plot of important vines over 40 years old that create the winery's limited release, Dame de Coeur cuvée.

The vineyard's signature vintage, Dame de Coeur is made primarily of Merlot grapes combined with smaller yields of Cabernet Franc to create a very serious, intense wine perfect for a formal sit-down dinner.

Château Peyfaures also offers wines for purchase through their website (www.chateaupeyfaures.com). Bottles range in price from \$49.99 up to \$79.99 and limited library vintages are also available upon inquiry. Dedicated to the designs of classic Bordeaux, the wines have luscious, fragrant notes with the strength of structure to mature beautifully over time, ideal for a private collection. Each bottle, regardless of vintage, will continue to have a character that's passionately Château Peyfaures.

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