

Les Vignobles Meyre

Listrac, Medoc (Left Bank)

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The Listrac-Medoc AOC

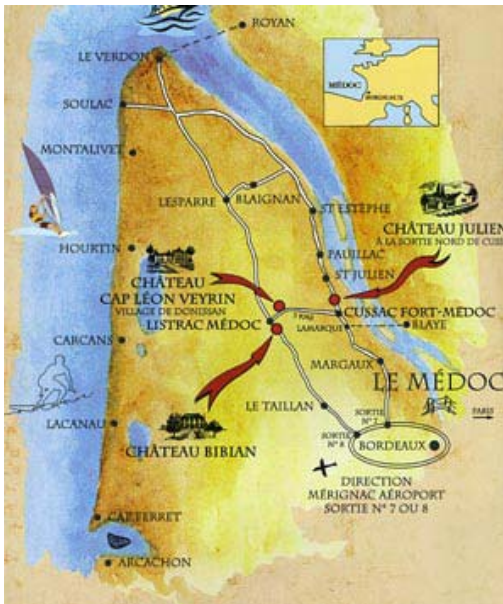
Lying between Moulis and Saint-Julien, Listrac is the "roof of the Médoc" and rises majestically to a height of 120 feet above sea-level. The natural slopes ensure that the soils drain well. The relative coolness of the climate together with its windy situation close to the forest favours a slow, even ripening process.

Chateau Cap Leon Veyrin

Owned by the same family since 1810, this estate is run by Alain Meyre aided by his son Julien, who looks after the vineyards, and his daughter Nathalie, who trained in Australia and helps to make the wines. The family owns a property in Haut-Medoc, Chateau Julien, and in 1999 the Meyres bought the nearby Chateau Bibian. Mme Meyre also runs a Bed and Breakfast, so the family has plenty to keep them occupied.

The vineyards are in two main blocks, principally on clay-limestone soils. They are ploughed, no herbicides are used, and the vines are green-harvested to control yields. Most of the vineyards are machine-harvested.

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Listrac-Médoc 2003

57% Merlot, 40% Cabernet-Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot

Fairly aromatic wine with scents of redcurrants and cherries. Medium-bodied, quite lush, with dusty tannins and a long finish. Can be drunk young, but can also be cellared for up to 20 years. Excellent value.



Chateau Bibian

Chateau Bibian was founded in 1857 by Pierre Bibian, and it passed through its descendants. When in 1983, Pierre-Henri Bibian, the mayor of Listrac, died without heirs, the estate was sold to a well-known soccer player Jean Tigana, who in Bordelais fashion appended his name to that of the property. In 1999, however, he in turn sold the property and the purchaser was Alain Meyre, better known as the owner of Chateau Cap Leon Veyrin. Nathalie makes the wine and Michel Rolland gives his advice.

The parcels are scattered around the village of Listrac, mostly on clay-limestone soils but also on pockets of Pyrenees Gravel. Fourteen hectares are planted with vines between forty and seventy years old. The harvest is both manual and mechanical. The wine is aged twelve months in one third new oak.

Château La Fleur Bibian

Listrac-Médoc 2004

60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

Lying between Moulis and Saint-Julien, Listrac is the "roof of the Médoc" and rises majestically to a height of 43 meters. The natural slopes ensure that the soils drain well. The relative coolness of the climate together with its windy situation close to the forest favours a slow, even ripening process.

Tasting Notes: In the mouth, this wine of Listrac-Médoc has extraordinary volume filling the palate. Well structured, it is full and silky, a blend of spirit and virility. Its color takes on a ruby tint with the passing of time. The different elements melt into one another to give, finally, a velvety, full and fleshy wine.

Food Pairing: Braised Swiss Chard with Cannellini Beans, topped with Aged New York Steak. Red meats with sauce, game. Large variety of cheeses.



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Nathalie Meyre



Chateau Bibian Cuverie



Chateau Bibian Cellar



L'Auberge des Vignerons, the only restaurant in the hamlet of Listrac, features the Cap Leon Veyrin wine