

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR  
REGISTRATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS**

**NAME OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION**

Pomerol

**PRODUCT CATEGORY**

Wine

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

France

**APPLICANT**

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**PROTECTION IN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

*Date of protection in the European Union: 18.9.1973*

*Date of protection in the Member State and reference to national decision: décret du 8 décembre 1936*

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

- **Raw material**

Grape varieties:

Cot N  
Cabernet-Sauvignon N  
Merlot N  
Cabernet Franc N  
Petit Verdot N

- **Alcohol content**

Minimum 11% vol.

- **Physical appearance**

Red wine

**DESCRIPTION OF GEOGRAPHICAL AREA**

The grapes are harvested and the wines made, developed and aged on the territory of the following municipalities and parts of municipalities in the department of Gironde: the municipality of Pomerol, the part of the territory of the municipality of Libourne provided for by the Bordeaux civil court's judgment of 29 December 1928, bordered to the north by the River Barbanne, to the east by the boundary of the municipality of Pomerol, to the south by the Tailhas Stream, to the west by secondary road 910, boulevard Beauséjour,

avenue Georges Clémenceau, rue du Docteur-Nard, avenue de l'Europe and the railway line from Libourne to Bergerac, as well as the parcel located in the municipality of Lalande-de-Pomerol referred to in the annex to the specification, which produces wines belonging to the registered designation of origin 'Pomerol' pursuant to the Bordeaux civil court's judgment of 29 December 1928.

## **LINK WITH GEOGRAPHICAL AREA**

The geographical area of the registered designation of origin 'Pomerol' comprises the territory of the municipality of Pomerol and the northern part of the municipality of Libourne, in the north-east of the department of Gironde. This geographical area adjoins those of 'Saint-Emilion' to the south-east and 'Lalande-de-Pomerol' to the north, from which it is separated by the Barbanne Stream.

The designation area's relatively flat landform, gradually sloping down towards the Isle Valley where it joins the Dordogne, is the result of the complete destruction of the Tertiary formations carbonated by the River Isle, the course of which is now further to the west. This was followed by the deposit of various alluvial layers during the Quaternary period. These detrital materials, originating from the Massif Central, formed terraces running from north to south parallel to the course of the Isle. From east to west, at an altitude of between 30 and 40 metres, the high terrace of the Günz comprises sands, gravels and hard-ground pebbles resting, at various depths, on Tertiary clayey formations rich in smectites, then between 20 and 25 metres the middle terraces of the Riss rise in tiers, comprising sands, gravels and pebbles in a sandy-clayey matrix. On the slopes and at the bottom of the slopes sandy-clayey and gravelly colluvial formations extend on sands, gravels and pebbles, then on sandy clays.

The climate, like the entire Gironde region, bordering the Atlantic Ocean, is a temperate oceanic climate, with moderate fluctuations in temperature which favour vine cultivation. The geographical area's location at the confluence of the Isle and the Dordogne also explains the temperature differences. Its location in the north-east of the Gironde gives it continental nuances, noticeable in the form of higher temperatures in summer and autumn, which favour the ripening of the grapes.

The landscape of the designation 'Pomerol' is characterised by the great uniformity of the land, which is very sober, completely covered by gently-contoured vineyards, dotted with elegant winegrowing châteaux or more humble chalky-white dwellings and dominated by the church spire of its market town.

## **SPECIFIC LABELLING RULES (IF ANY)**

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## **CONTROL BODY**

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