

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR
REGISTRATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS**

NAME OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

Pauillac

PRODUCT CATEGORY

Wine

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

France

APPLICANT

Syndicat viticole de Pauillac
- Maison du vin
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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 14 novembre 1936

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

- **Raw material**

Grape varieties:

Cot N
Carmenere 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 municipality of Pauillac in the department of Gironde as well as on the parcels indicated in the annex to the specification for the following municipalities: Cissac-Médoc, Saint-Estèphe, Saint-Julien-Beychevelle and Saint-Sauveur.

LINK WITH GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

In compliance with the uses already transcribed in the decree defining the registered designation of origin 'Pauillac', the patchwork of production parcels delimits the parcels with gravelly or sandy-gravelly soils on condition that they contain fine sand, generally of aeolian origin, in sufficiently small quantities and that the soils' permeability is as it should be. The Pauillac soils form part of the preferred land for cabernet-sauvignon N, but merlot N also thrives there. By contrast, parcels located on recent alluvial deposits or on overlays of aeolian sands which are present in large quantities or are poorly drained because they lie on impermeable subsoil are excluded from the patchwork of production parcels. The same applies to parcels which comprise artificial land, have been built on or used as gravel pits. The management of the vineyards is very selective in that the gap between the rows is limited and the maximum burden on the parcel and at the base of the vines is controlled.

The quality and typical characteristics of the wines with the registered designation of origin 'Pauillac' have their roots in the nature of the soils and their topographical location near the estuary, which protects the vineyards from climatic extremes.

Ever since New French Clarets were first sold on the London market in the 18th century, Pauillac wines have been among the most acknowledged.

In 1787 the hierarchy of vintages established by Thomas Jefferson placed the châteaux Latour and Lafite among the leading vintages. Even more than in the other wine designations of the Médoc peninsula, the vintages of the municipality of Pauillac have been widely acknowledged by the various ownership classifications undertaken since the end of the 17th century. With currently 18 classified vintages (of which the leading ones were Lafite-Rothschild and Latour in 1855 and Mouton-Rothschild in 1973), this municipality has the largest number of classified vintages.

SPECIFIC LABELLING RULES (IF ANY)

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