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# Chateau Ponzac "Estate" Malbec 2016



Technical Data	
Country	France
Region	South West
Appellation	Cahors
Producer	Chateau Ponzac
Founded	1820
Farming	Organic
Vineyard Age	25 years
Varietal(s)	Malbec
Soil Type	Limestone, Clay
Alcohol	13.5%
Residual Sugar	0.1%
Acidity (g/L)	6.1
pН	3.6
Fermentation	natural/concrete tanks
Aging/Maturation	12 months in used oak

#### **Producer Description**

Beautiful hilltop vineyards west of Cahors produce one of the most pure expressions of Malbec that I have ever tasted. The very creative viticulturalist and vigneron team of Virginie and Matthieu Molinie blend their separately vinified parcels of Malbec each year into various cuvees which fully express the characteristics of their vineyards.

## **Tasting Notes**

This is the primary "estate" wine of Chateau Ponzac which Virginie and Matthieu blend out of separately vinified parcels across the estate. Aromas are of blackberries, pomegranate, and blueberries. Flavors include rich tart cherries, ripe peaches, and boysenberries. This has a very satisfying medium to full body, is perfectly balanced across the palate, and an enjoyable finish.

### **Food Pairings**

Food pairings would include Filet Mignon, New York steak, rib eye, roast beef, lamb, duck, venison, wild boar, pork chops, ratatouille, coq au vin, vegetable casseroles, and rich and hard cheeses.