

# Domaine de Picheral

## Vin de Pays d'Oc Merlot

This full bodied red wine is made exclusively from Merlot grapes, a popular varietal in both red Bordeaux and California wines. Vin de Pays d'Oc means "wine from the land of Oc", an ancient dialect once spoken in southwestern France. Known for producing the most wine of France's many regions, Languedoc is now attracting attention for good quality, affordable red varietals and blends. Domaine de Picheral Merlot is a good example of the fruity, well balanced wines made there.

Merlot's soft tannins and round, full flavors are perfect for early maturing wines to complement today's light and eclectic cuisine. Domaine Picheral has distinctive aromas of herbs, dark fruits and leather. Rich, plummy fruit flavors complete the taste that can complement cheese, meat and pasta dishes. This wine is especially delicious with grilled meats, making it perfect for summer barbecues and entertaining.

Domaine de Picheral's forty-five acres of vineyards lie on slopes near France's Mediterranean shore between Montpellier and Nimes, quite near the source of the famous Perrier springs. The vineyard is certified organic by Ecocert.

**Wine & Spirits Magazine 1997** described a recent vintage of this wine as "... a bright, plummy Merlot that's all freshness up front until it turns slightly earthy and astringent on the finish. Serve with grilled meats."

**Wine Spectator Magazine 1998** 83 More like a Bordeaux Superieur with its dried plum and tobacco box flavors. Medium-bodied with a mature, roasted aroma and coffee-like notes on the finish. Drink now. -April 2001

