

# CHÂTEAU LA TOUR DE BY



MÉDOC

Owners: Frédéric Le Clerc - Benjamin Richer de Forges



Vines have been grown at La Tour de By since the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and records show that the château was acquired by Pierre Tizon, lord of the fiefdom of By, in 1599. The tour, or tower, symbolising the estate is a former lighthouse built in the middle of the vines in 1825 to guide sailors navigating the Gironde estuary on foggy nights.

Marc Pagès, an agricultural engineer from Tunisia, purchased this beautiful estate in the northern Médoc in 1965 and was responsible for its rebirth. He was assisted by advice from Professor Émile Peynaud, who contributed enormously to making the most of the remarkable terroir.

Marc Pagès unquestionably brought this Médoc estate up to its full potential in the four decades during which he managed it.

His grandson, Frédéric Le Clerc, a graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique and engineer in agronomy, is now in charge of La Tour de By, which he runs according to a philosophy combining quality, precision winemaking, and respect for tradition.

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Area under vine	110 hectares
Production	480,000 bottles
Soil	Gravel with iron hardpan subsoil
Grape varieties	60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot
Barrel ageing	12 months - New barrels: 30%
Second wine	La Roque de By

Manager: Frédéric Le Clerc - Commercial Director: Benjamin Richer de Forges

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