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2008 Marc Darroze Chateau Haut-Peyroux "Retour De Palombieres", Graves



Nothing avian about the flavour

Yep. French wine. Long name. But not quite so complex when you break them down. Marc Darroze the wine maker and owner of Chateau Haut-Peyroux. Retour De Palombieres the name of the label, translated to English: "Return of the Pigeons." Not quite quite as catchy as "Return Of The Mac." Named for the "Palombieres (wild pigeons) that return to the region each autumn in massive flocks which at times cover the skies, then roost in pine forests adjacent to the vineyard." A blend of predominantly Merlot, with large portions of Cabernet Sauvignon (20%) and Cabernet Franc (15%), then small amounts of Petit Verdot and Malbec.

Smells like Bordeaux. Tobacco and sweet ripe black and red fruits. Chary pencil ash, more tobacco and a slight meaty pong. Love the dusty, savoury tannins that give textural grip. Palate Bordeaux class, savoury black olive and blackcurrants and plums. Beautifully weighted on the palate and finishing medium to long that suggests it could handle a little more time in the cellar. Good value Bordeaux from Graves! Alc: 13% RRP: \$38.50