

Château Mauvesin Barton 2015

CSPC# 801719

750mlx12

13.1% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

42% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

Appellation

Moulis en Médoc

Website

<http://www.mauvesin-barton.com/>

General Info

While the creation of Chateau Mauvesin Barton is a recent event, the chateau and vineyard date back several hundred years. In fact, Chateau Mauvesin Barton was created in 1457. The chateau on the property, which is now used as the residence for Lilian Barton and her family was built in 1853. For most of its life, the property produced wine that was sold as Chateau Mauvesin. But when the estate was purchased in 2011 from the Baritault de Carpia family by the Barton family. The Baritault family is related to the Capbern Gasqueton family that recently sold Chateau Calon Segur in the St. Estèphe appellation. The Barton family own the famous St. Julien estates; Chateau Leoville Barton and Chateau Langoa Barton. They altered the name of the chateau and winery to reflect the change in ownership to Chateau Mauvesin Barton. Interestingly, Lilian Barton was not going to add her family name to the historic chateau, but when she discovered that Chateau Mauvesin was already a trademarked name in China, she changed the name of the estate to Chateau Mauvesin Barton.

Prior to sale to the Barton family, the property was in the hands of the Baritault de Carpia family for several hundred years. Once the purchase was finalized, the new owners, Lilian Barton and her husband Michel Sartorius began a serious restoration and renovation of the entire estate, including the chateau, wine making facilities, cellars, and vineyard. In the cellars of Chateau Mauvesin Barton, for the first time, the wines are now vinified in temperature controlled, stainless steel tanks.

Winemaker

Bruno Petit

Vintage

The Haut Medoc is a sprawling appellation with close to 4,200 hectares planted with vines. When you include the Medoc, you are over 10,000 hectares in size. Moulis and Listrac add to the total. That is an incredibly large area with more than 500 active producers making wine! As you can easily imagine, an area of that size is going to have an array of different terroirs. And to be honest, much of that terroir is not great, so in difficult vintages, for example 2015, where the growers had to deal with drought and overflows from too much moisture, the level of quality can be variable. Still, there are estates that made successful 2015 Haut Medoc wines and also chateaux producing solid 2015 Medoc wines as well. Depending on where your vineyard was located this vintage really made a difference here. The warm, dry, drought conditions during the summer caused a lot of stress to the vines. The late season rains were a lot to handle for vineyards that not able to offer the necessary amount of drainage.

Vineyards

The 50 hectare vineyard of Chateau Mauvesin Barton is located in the commune of Moulis in the Haut Medoc appellation, not far from Chasse Spleen. The terroir is gravel with clay and limestone-based soils. Of those 48 hectares, 40 hectares are planted with vines. The remaining 8 hectares are used for a park like surrounding with lakes and mature trees. The Left Bank vineyard is planted to 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot. The vines are on average close to 35 years of age.

Vinification/

Maturation

Vinified in 20, stainless steel, temperature-controlled tanks. The wine is aged in a combination of new and used, French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

A wonderful wine from the great 2015 vintage. It has a nice, developed nose that offers inviting aromatics. In the mouth it is classic Bordeaux with dry dark fruit flavors enhanced with a touch of earth. It is complex and very enjoyable. This wine was tasted after it had been decanted for two hours.

Serve with

Best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes.

Cellaring

Drink 2019-2032.



Scores/Awards **88-90 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #224 - April 2016
91 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - March 2018
92 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2018
93 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - February 2018
92-94 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - March 1, 2016
16.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2016
87 points - Stephen Spurrier, Decanter.com - April 2016
86-88 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2016
86 points - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com - May 2016
86-88 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2016 (score only)
15 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - June 2016
15.5 points - Gault & Millau (score only) - June 2016

Reviews *"The 2015 Mauvesin Barton is a blend of 42% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot, the first vintage that Mélanie Barton-Sartorius was "on her own" to make the wine. It has a straightforward raspberry and wild strawberry-scented bouquet, a little more tertiary in style than its peers, but with good definition. The palate is medium-bodied with light tannin, perhaps somewhat rustic in style compared to its peers, with a savory finish that needs to develop more persistence on the finish. This is a fine Moulis, although I think there is better to come."*
- NM, Wine Advocate

"The 2015 Mauvesin Barton has a fresh, vibrant bouquet surfeit with comeliness plus black cherries, crushed strawberry and veins of blue fruit that are all very well defined. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, well-judged acidity, finely tuned with a silky-smooth finish. This has really evolved with panache in barrel and comes highly recommended. Bon vin!"
- NM, Wine Journal

"Spices and berries with cedar and sandalwood. Medium-bodied, focused and very fine. Shows tension and focus. Drink now."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"The fifth vintage from this estate since its purchase by the Barton family of Léoville Barton in Saint-Julien, this is a generous, structured wine. It has ripe black fruits in profusion that are held together by the serious layer of tannins. Rich and concentrated, the wine will age for many years. Drink from 2024."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"Owned by the Barton family of Léoville Barton, this wine shows the elegance and ripe style of Moulis, gathered into a structure that is firm and dry. It has fine acidity, and is balanced, perfumed and bright."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"Light, fresh and aromatic. Relatively light-bodied. Pretty and very round on the palate but then a little inky on the end."
- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"Fresh, floral fruit: a light wine from young vines but showing lift and charm."
- SS, Decanter.com

"Spicy, bright red fruits, medium bodied with a cranberry, cigar and cherry finish."
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"Simple, upfront cherry and cassis fruit without much depth. A medium bodied pleasant red to drink young."
- JCL, asianpalate.com

"The 2015 Mauvesin Barton is floral, perfumed and lifted, all of which make it absolutely delicious to drink now. Blue fruit, lavender, mint, and spice nuances are layered into the wine's fabric. All the elements are very nicely balanced. (AG)"
- AG, Vinous
