
Château Baret Blanc 2016

CSPC# 813898

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	90% Sauvignon Blanc, 10% Sémillon
Appellation	Pessac Leognan
Classification	A.O.C.
Website	http://www.lechateaubaret.com/en/
General Info	<p>Formerly the property of the Lords of Baret, the Ballande family, Bordeaux traders and ship-owners, acquire the property in 1867. Following fire damage in the early twentieth century, the Château's extension building work is carried out. During the last twenty years, the vineyard, the vat room and the cellars have been fully rehabilitated and refurbished.</p> <p>Château Baret is an up-and-coming wine property in the Graves appellation owned by the Borie-Manoux negociant company. Borie-Manoux itself is one of Bordeaux's oldest merchant houses and belongs to the Castéjà family, who are also proprietors of the celebrated Pauillac Classed Growth Ch Batailley. The family have poured investment into the estate to upgrade the quality of both the red and the white wine, but it is the white which has made more progress recently.</p>
Winemaker	Consultant Denis Dubordieu (until he passed away in 2016)
Vintage	"That is a big surprise," said Jean-Christophe Mau of Château Brown in Pessac-Léognan, which produces both white and red wine. "Complicated to explain the volume with the drought. But the previous winter and the spring were very wet in Bordeaux, so the berries were very big for Sémillon and Merlot. For Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Sauvignon the berries were smaller but the number of grapes on each bunch was more than usual. As for the acidity, by the time the ripening process started again after the Sept.13 rain, it was too late to destroy all the acidity."
Vineyards	The vineyards are planted with 70% Sauvignon Blanc and 30% Sémillon for the whites. Soil: gravels of Garonne, clay & limestone. Vines are 25 years old.
Harvest	Handpicked from the 5th - 12th of September. Yield 54 hl/ha
Vinification	Winemaking: in oak barrels fermentation and skin contact in the press. Ageing: 12 months in oak barrels 20% renewed, on total lees which are removed two times a week for 2 months.
Tasting Notes	The aromatics are of classic Sauvignon, with gooseberries, a touch of freshly cut grass, fresh herbs and a touch of tropical fruit that I find irresistible. Very well balanced, impeccably well made, and very elegant.
Serve with	Fish in sauce, white meat and poultry
Production	29,000 bottles
Cellaring	Drink 2017-2021
Scores/Awards	91-92 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - April 2017 17 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - May 2017 Gold Medal - Paris - 2018
Reviews	<i>"Sweet, rich nose with real appeal and breadth. Lovely, clean and fruity but it ends in a delightfully savoury fashion. The nose seems obviously Sauvignon Blanc while the palate has a bit of Sémillon breadth. Bravo! Still a little chewy on the end."</i> - JR, JancisRobinson.com

