

# Château Baret Blanc 2018

CSPC# 801727

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	90% Sauvignon Blanc, 10% Sémillon
<b>Appellation</b>	Pessac Leognan
<b>Classification</b>	A.O.C.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.lechateaubaret.com/index.php/en/nos-vins-pessac-leognan/vin-blanc-chateau-baret">http://www.lechateaubaret.com/index.php/en/nos-vins-pessac-leognan/vin-blanc-chateau-baret</a>
<b>General Info</b>	<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.</p> <p>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>
<b>Winemaker</b>	Christophe Ollivier. Consultant was Denis Dubourdiou (until he passed away in 2016)
<b>Vintage</b>	<p>The growing season was difficult, and choices needed to be made. As you probably know by the now, the 2018 Pessac Leognan vintage started out underwater. There was hail and what seemed like nonstop rain for months. Making things worse was rapid and strong attacks of mildew, especially in organically farmed vineyards. Although the mildew was more concentrated to the south in the Graves appellation.</p> <p>Once the summer was in full-bloom, conditions changed rapidly. The vineyards dried out and vigneronns were faced with a hot, dry summer. Young vines in several vineyards were decimated. Other vineyards began suffering from hydric stress, as there was so little moisture remaining in the soils. But much needed light rains at the end of the summer saved the day.</p> <p>While 2018 Bordeaux is the hottest summer since 2003, the nights were cool, which explains part of the reason the wines show so much freshness. July, August, September and October remained hot, dry and sunny. Conditions were perfect for the red wine grapes, but a bit too hot for the dry white Bordeaux wine grapes. Picking commenced early for the white wine grapes beginning in August, allowing the fruit to retain as much freshness as possible.</p>
<b>Vineyards</b>	The vineyards are planted with 70% Sauvignon Blanc and 30% Sémillon for the whites. Soil: gravels of Garonne, clay & limestone. Vines are 25 yrs old.
<b>Harvest</b>	Handpicked Monday, August 28-September 12, 2017.
<b>Vinification</b>	The grapes are pressed directly, without cut off. Gentle "pneumatic" pressing provides an extra delicate grape must, which is fermented to promote the integration of fruit and spice. This is followed by 12 months of storage on French barrier barrels, of which 20% are new. Weekly stirring of the fine yeast residues, as in Burgundy, gives the wine extra obesity and complexity.
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Château Baret is an outsider within the Pessac-Léognan appellation. Indeed, even if it displays a lower price than that of the big names in the region, it has absolutely nothing to envy them! Let yourself be seduced by its charming bouquet, its fresh attack and its irresistible price-pleasure ratio. Appearance: pale yellow with light green reflections Nose: fresh, on boxwood, lemongrass, mint and vanilla Palate: attractive, fresh attack, both nervous and refined, citrus fruits (candied lemon), return of mint, apple, subtle woody notes



**Serve with** Enjoy the wine for grilled seafood, fried poultry, asparagus chicken tartlets and creamy cheeses. Serve at 10-12 ° C

**Production** 29,000 bottles

**Cellaring** Drink 2021-2027

**Scores/Awards** **88-89 points** - James Suckling, [JamesSuckling.com](https://www.jamesSuckling.com) - April 2018  
**15-15.5 points** - La Revue du Vin France (score only)

**Reviews** *"Some pleasant dried-lemon and apple character. Medium body. Fresh finish. Lacks a little in the mid-palate, but we will see."*  
- JS, [JamesSuckling.com](https://www.jamesSuckling.com)

*"With notes of candied citrus fruits and above all a good hold on the palate, it is delicious and already very pleasant."*  
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