

# Château Baret 2015

CSPC# 801728

750mlx12

14.5% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	73% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc
<b>Appellation</b>	Pessac Leognan
<b>Classification</b>	A.P.C.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.lechateaubaret.com/en/">http://www.lechateaubaret.com/en/</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>Vintage</b>	<p>Frankly, 2015 Pessac Leognan was very strong for both red and dry white Bordeaux wine. Recent vintages like 2013 and 2011 are fresher, and perhaps just a little bit more interesting, with higher acidities, but the 2015 white Bordeaux wines are worth looking into for their unique combination of fresh acidities, lush textures, concentration and sweet, ripe, crisp, yellow fruits.</p> <p>2015 white Bordeaux wines are the product of an early vintage. Some harvesting took place as early as the week of August 24. However, most of the growers did not begin picking until the following week. The hot, dry, growing season for the 2015 white Bordeaux wines could have been a problem, due to the early season scorching heat that took place in June and July. But the vintage was saved and made by the combination of the rains that fell in the beginning of August, and the drop in temperatures that invigorated the vines. The sunny, albeit still cooler days and the colder, evening temperatures in September also helped, as they added much needed acidities to the grapes.</p>
<b>Vineyards</b>	The vineyards are planted with 55% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc for the reds and 70% Sauvignon Blanc and 30% Sémillon for the whites. The reds are aged for 12-18 months in oak barrels, 20% of which are new each vintage. The whites are barrel-fermented and spend 8 months on their lees in barrel, one fifth of which are new.
<b>Harvest</b>	Machine harvested from the 27th of August to the 4th of September
<b>Vinification</b>	Winemaking: Temperature-controlled fermentation and skin contact at 28°C for 3 weeks. Aging: 14 months in oak barrels which are renewed by 20%
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	<p>Located at the gates of Bordeaux, Château Baret benefits from an almost "city" climate: the berries ripen early, which limits the impact of the often-unfavorable weather at the end of the season.</p> <p>Colour: deep dark red, drawing towards black</p> <p>Nose: red and black fruits, discreet but refined oak, liqueur, mint and eucalyptus</p> <p>Palate: intense attack on the fruit, red and black fruits, liqueur, sweet spices, supple and powerful palate, long finish with ripe tannins</p>
<b>Serve with</b>	Veal, Pork, Roast beef
<b>Production</b>	116 000 bottles
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2024-2039



**Scores/Awards** **92-93 points** - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - April 2016  
**88 points** - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - May 2018  
**17 points** - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2016  
**86 points** - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2016  
**14.5 points** - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - April 2016

**Reviews** *"This is really excellent for this estate with blackberry, mineral and blackberry character. Full and velvety textured. Shows the excellence of the appellation."*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"Hugely rich, the wine has a density that detracts from the natural elegance of this appellation. Its tannins and extracted fruit are firm although with the potential of juicy black-currant acidity as the wine progresses. Give this wine several years and don't drink before 2022."*  
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

*"Mid crimson. Very perfumed and intense on the nose. Lots of sweetness on palate entry. Rather floral. Masses of charm."*  
- JR, JancisRobinson.com

*"70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon. Classic, traditionally structured, nothing in excess – a charming mid-term drinker."*  
- JA, Decanter.com

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