

# Château Langoa Barton 2019

CSPC# 866171

750mlx12

13.92% alc./vol.

## Grape Variety

67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc

## Appellation

Saint Julien

## Classification

3rd Grand Cru Classé

## Website

<https://www.langoa-barton.com/>

## General Info

The Barton family, the current owners of Chateau Langoa Barton are able to trace their Bordeaux roots all the way back to 1722. That was the year that Thomas Barton left Ireland and made his way over to Bordeaux. Like many successful owners, Thomas Barton started out as a Bordeaux negociant, or wine merchant.

The first foray into ownership for the Barton family was in St. Estèphe, with Chateau Le Boscq in 1745. The family continued being active in not only buying and managing Bordeaux chateaux in the Medoc, but as successful wine merchants.

They eventually partnered with another powerful Bordeaux family to form a massive Bordeaux wine negociant company, Barton & Guestier. Founded in 1745, the firm of Barton and Guestier is still active in the Bordeaux wine business today.

The next major purchase in the Left Bank for the Barton clan took place in 1821. That was the year they bought their next Saint Julien estate, Pontet-Langlois. Shortly after the sale, they renamed it, Chateau Langoa Barton. In 1929 Ronald Barton inherited the chateau and in 1983 handed the property over to Anthony Barton who still runs the property. Stablemate of Château Léoville-Barton, whose wine is made in the same cellars.

Following the purchase of Langoa Barton, they bought a second, St. Julien estate. Culled from the vineyards of Leoville Las Cases, that estate became Chateau Leoville Barton. Interestingly, because no cellar or wine making facilities came with the purchase, they were forced to make both wines at Langoa Barton.

## Winemaker

François Brehant. Consulting oenologist: Eric Boissenot

## Vintage

It looks like the 2019 vintage was, once again, a winegrower's vintage. Season after season, this vintage demanded observation, analysis, rigour, advance preparation. The winegrower, at one with nature, before benefiting from the exceptional summer conditions, knew how to deal with the mixed spring weather, how to assess the risks, how to understand the temperament of each plot.

Without doubt, we can't say often enough how much talent is brought together in our rows of vines, to work this beautiful material cleanly, sustainably, passionately. A radiant wine-growing summer after a spring of twists and turns. Excess rainfall in April, fine weather in May, a sharp return to cool temperatures in early June; heatwaves at the end of June and July (and therefore with no risk of sunburn at this stage of the cycle), almost no rain over the whole of the summer and until the end of harvest, very moderate temperatures in August and September (again avoiding the risk of burning exposed berries).

## Vineyards

The plots that compose the Château Langoa Barton terroir overlook the river. The splendid slopes of quaternary gravel bring the grapes to full maturity and then they undergo a rigorous selection process before being chosen for the Langoa Barton. The plowing is traditional, without weeding or herbicide. The grape varieties are Cabernet Sauvignon 57%, Merlot 34%, and Cabernet Franc 9%.

## Harvest

From 21 to 26 September (Merlot) then from 30 September to 8 October

## Vinification

The harvesting is done entirely by hand. After the destemming, the berries are carefully sorted, crushed and poured in wooden vats thermo-regulated, according to their plots. The alcoholic fermentation lasts from 7 to 10 days and the extraction is always respectful of the juice by adjusting the number of pumpings depending on the cuvées and the vintages. The maceration is about 3 weeks then the juice is drawn in barrels, lot by lot. The wine is then aged between 16 and 18 months in French oak barrels of which 60% are brand new, in a cellar maintained at 15 °. The wines are topped up 3 times a week to avoid any contact between the wine and the air, the racking is traditional using the so-called "à l'esquive" method.

## Tasting Notes

Expressive note of fresh red fruits, good concentration, fine tannins, delicacy, freshness, and good acidity.



<b>Serve with</b>	Chateau Langoa Barton is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes.
<b>Production</b>	7,950 cases made
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2025-2038
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>93 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2022</p> <p><b>94+ points</b> - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022</p> <p><b>93-95 points</b> - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - June 2020</p> <p><b>96 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022</p> <p><b>95-96 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020</p> <p><b>94-96 points</b> - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 2020</p> <p><b>17 points</b> - James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com - June 2020</p> <p><b>17 points</b> - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - December 2021</p> <p><b>94 points</b> - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - January 2022</p> <p><b>94 points</b> - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - June 2020</p> <p><b>94 points</b> - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - February 2022</p> <p><b>94 points</b> - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - January 2022</p> <p><b>93 points</b> - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022</p> <p><b>93-95 points</b> - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - June 2020</p> <p><b>94-97 points</b> - Farr Vintners - May 2020</p> <p><b>93 points</b> - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2022</p> <p><b>93-95 points</b> - Neal Martin, Vinous - June 2020</p> <p><b>93 points</b> - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2022</p> <p><b>91-93 points</b> - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - June 2020</p> <p><b>94 points</b> - Jeb Dunnuck MW - April 2022</p> <p><b>93-95 points</b> - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2020</p> <p><b>92 points</b> - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2020</p> <p><b>96+ points</b> - Thomas Parker MW - March 2022</p> <p><b>93 points</b> - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - June 2020</p> <p><b>93-94 points</b> - Vert de Vin - April 2020</p> <p><b>17 points</b> - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - September 2020</p>
<b>Reviews</b>	<p><i>“Ripe and juicy, with a youthfully compact core of steeped plum, blueberry, and black currant fruit. The finish is scored by violet and singed apple wood notes, with a tug of tar peeking in as well. Offers ample fruit and inner freshness, so this should open up soon enough. Best from 2025 through 2038. 7,950 cases made.”</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>“A timely classic for patient readers with cold cellars, the 2019 Langoa Barton is performing beautifully in bottle, unwinding in the glass with a rich bouquet of cassis, plums, cigar wrapper, pencil shavings and loamy soil. Medium to full-bodied, deep, and elegantly muscular, its concentrated core of fruit is framed by lively acids and ripe, powdery tannins that assert themselves on the youthfully firm finish. Forget it for a decade and reap the rewards for the following four. Drink Date 2029 - 2065.”</i> - WK, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>“Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2019 Langoa Barton is a very pleasant surprise, singing of Black Forest cake, raspberry preserves, and warm blackcurrants notions with suggestions of chocolate mint, forest floor and pencil shavings plus a hint of cinnamon toast. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has jaw-dropping tension and intensity, featuring ripe, grainy tannins and bags of evocative red and black fruits, finishing with a lively lift. The style of this 2019 is worlds away from the also very impressive 2018, showcasing an even brighter, immediately impactful, and downright flamboyant side to the estate. Color me impressed!”</i> - LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>“Plenty of blackberry, currant, and floral aromas. Some mint as well, following through to a full-bodied palate with layers of ultra-fine tannins and wonderful length. This is sophisticated and beautifully crafted with style and personality, displaying its terroir. Extremely well done. Drink after 2025.”</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>“Very finely textured with pure blue fruit and lavender and violet undertones. It’s full-bodied with pure, focused fruit. Extremely long and refined. Clearly better than the 2018.”</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p>

## Reviews

*“From one of the Barton family's estates, this wine is solid in black fruits flavors and spice from wood aging. It has a fine, perfumed character, rich in fruit but also lifted by lively acidity. The wine's ripeness will sustain it well as it ages.”*

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

*“Attractive nose of dark fruit with a savoury edge. Palate joyous and juicy with plenty of lift, the tannins ripe and smooth. Clean, long, and harmonious. Everything in its place.”*

- JL, JancisRobinson.com

*“Dark glowing purplish crimson. Perfumed, high-toned, intriguing nose. Very youthful indeed but all the elements are there for a pretty glorious long life. Bone-dry finish but true to the estate. 14%. Drink 2028 – 2046.”*

- JH, JancisRobinson.com

*“Quite strongly perfumed on the nose here, full, heady, more pronounced than some of the others with a richness and intensity to the nose. High toned straight away, a combination of quite ripe acidity, almost brusque on the palate with a creaminess to the tannins. Doesn't feel totally harmonious right now but there is great density of fruit, good acidity, brightness, and soft tannins with a liquorice kick at the end, cooling and fresh. Lots going on here, just needs to come together. Drinking Window 2025 – 2040.”*

- GH, Decanter.com

*“Silky blackberry and bilberry fruits, this is a brilliant Langoa, with concentration and lift that pull you both forwards and upwards through the palate. For me this is more successful than the 2018 because it delivers an absolute punch of fruits but gently so, with elegance and control that is very St Julien. Grilled cedar finish, great stuff.”*

- JA, Decanter.com

*“Muscular tannins here, a little less succulent than the 2018 vintage but with greater structure and control, along with St Julien finesse. This is flush with cassis and blueberry fruits, alongside liquorice root, black chocolate, dark pepper spice, a ton of bristling tannins and a fresh core. Another brilliant vintage for a resurgent Langoa.”*

- JA, Inside Bordeaux

*“A brilliant wine to seek out to showcase how Duhart is being skillfully worked to deepen its flavour profile and beef up its mid palate, and to soften up tannins that can be austere when young. Here you find a tenderness and a velvety quality to the structure, along with cool blue and black fruits. Still unmistakably Pauillac, majoring on cassis, pencil lead and cedar wood, all standing to attention and confident of giving you many years of service. Very good quality, delivering on its En Primeur promise.”*

- JA, Inside Bordeaux

*“Deep in color, the wine is full-bodied, crisp, fresh, juicy, and spicy. Medium-full/bodied, with a core of crunchy, black currants, cranberry, pomegranate, and spice. This is not a forward wine, like many 2019s, so give it at least a decade or more for all of its creme de cassis to fill-out, soften and become approachable.”*

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

*“Deep in color, the wine shows of its tobacco leaf, smoke, blackcurrant, and blackberry character with little effort. Full-bodied, tannic, and showy for this normally reticent wine, this is going to demand at least a decade of aging, but as this is the finest example of Langoa Barton I recall tasting, it will be well-worth the wait.”*

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

*“A deep, rich ruby colour in the glass, matched by an evocatively rich nose of brambly fruit and subtle spices from the oak. The palate has superb density and richness, with chalky, mouthcoating tannins and intense, layered black fruits. There are accents of dried flowers and red fruits, lifting the palate and adding a little more approachability than the Léoville Barton, but this is still deep, powerful and age worthy. The finish is long, harmonious, and precise, and continues the excellent form of Langoa Barton in recent years.”*

- Farr Vintners

## Reviews

*"The 2019 Langoa Barton has closed down a little on the nose since I tasted it from barrel, offering blackberry, black olive and sandalwood, quite pastille-like in style. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins and beautiful definition but less structure than I remember out of barrel. Quite saline toward the finish, with a dash of white pepper. A delicious, classically-styled Langoa-Barton. Very fine. 13.92% alcohol."*

- NM, Vinous

*"The 2019 Langoa Barton has a very typical Langoa nose, which is a good thing, sporting vivacious black cherries, blackberry, crushed iris, cedar, and light blood orange scents lurking offstage. Lovely oak integration here. The palate is beautifully defined on the entry, a structured almost big-boned Langoa with enormous grip on the spicy finish. I love the generosity of this Saint-Julien, one that I suspect will be seductive on release but don't be deceived - it deserves cellaring lest you get a smacked wrist for being impatient."*

- NM, Vinous

*"The 2019 Langoa-Barton is every bit as delicious as it was from barrel. The purity of the flavors is just striking. Inky red fruit, blood orange, spice, mint, and pomegranate are pushed forward. This is an especially succulent, richly textured Langoa, and that's not a bad thing for a wine that in some vintages is a bit light."*

- AG, Vinous

*"The 2019 Langoa Barton is fleshy, succulent and a great example of the year. Soft contours and pliant fruit give the 2019 tons of immediacy. Red plum, pomegranate, sweet spice, mint, and blood orange all meld together in a rich, seamless Saint-Julien that will drink well right out of the gate."*

- AG, Vinous

*"A soft, seamless, beautifully textured Saint-Julien, especially in the vintage, the 2019 Château Langoa Barton gives up lots of red and black currant fruits as well as textbook damp earth, leafy herbs, chocolate, and spring flowers. It's complex, medium to full-bodied, has beautiful tannins, and no hard edges."*

- Jeb Dunnuck

*"The 2019 Château Langoa Barton offers up a dense purple color as well as notes of blackberries, smoked earth, chocolate, and leafy herbs. This rich, medium to full-bodied effort has an expansive, mouth filling texture, beautiful mid-palate density, and outstanding length."*

- Jeb Dunnuck

*"Deep dark ruby garnet, opaque core, violet reflections, delicate ocher edge. Fine notes of liquorice, black berries, some graphite, a hint of precious wood, nuances of cassis in the background. Medium body, ripe heart cherries, ripe tannins, mineral notes on the finish, good balance, delicate touch of nougat in the aftertaste."*

- Falstaff Magazine

*"Saturate purple colour in the glass. The nose is expansive and enticing, layering ripe cassis and bramble fruits with savoury restraint. Cedar, baking spices, liquorice and nutmeg all come through. The palate is just as impressive, with great density at the core. Bursting with black fruits, it is highly seductive and powerful, but matched by mouthcoating, ripe tannins. The balance of fruit and tannin makes it more approachable than the Léoville Barton at this stage, but the structure and power are still there to make for a long, open drinking window. Complex and expansive with a very moreish flavour profile, with waves of spice, smoke and wood coming through, this is a hugely impressive wine for the money. Very long through to the finish, this is without doubt one of the finest Langoa Barton's ever made."*

- Tom Parker MW

*"The nose is elegant, racy and offers power, a small richness, delicacy, and a fine grain. It reveals notes of pulpy/fresh Boysen berry, pulpy fresh raspberry, small notes of racy minerality associated with touches of small fresh/ripe red fruits, violet as well as fine hints of incense, caramelization, toasted and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain/tension, freshness, a fine acidulous frame, and a small power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bright Boysen berry, crushed cassis, small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of small juicy/fresh blue fruits as well as hints of chocolate, cardamom, toasted, very fine hints of caramelization, camphor, and an imperceptible hint of badian. Good length. Tannins are elegant, fine, and supple."*

- Vert de Vin

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