

Château Baret Blanc 2015

CSPC# 801727

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	90% Sauvignon Blanc, 10% Semillon
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>
Vintage	<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>
Vineyards	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.
Harvest	Handpicked from the 27th of August to the 4th of September
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	<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>The colour is pale gold. The bouquet is fine and racy with a great aromatic richness on fine notes of citrus and lychee. The palate is round, greedy and fresh. The finish is very fruity and lively with lemony aromas. The great aromatic persistence gives the whole a nice presence. OENOLOGUE CONSEIL: DENIS DUBOURDIEU</p>
Serve with	Fish in sauce, white meat and poultry
Production	1,500 cases made (21438 bottles)
Cellaring	Drink 2017-2021



Scores/Awards **90 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2018

90-91 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - April 2016

17 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2016

Reviews *"Very engaging, with delightful verbena and tarragon notes leading the way, followed by gooseberry and white peach flavors. Everything zips through the honeysuckle- and quinine-edged finish. Drink now through 2019. 1,500 cases made."*

- JM, Wine Spectator

"Very dense and waxy with sliced dried pear and pineapple. Full and flavorful. Traditional style of Pessac white."

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Powerfully aromatic. Rather creamy nose suggests some Sémillon as well as Sauvignon Blanc. Almost sweet palate entry but very well balanced and crisply 'green' on the finish. Really quite delicate in texture. Stony finish. A success. "

- JR, JancisRobinson.com
