

## Château Barde-Haut 2014

CSPC# 771294

750mlx12

14.5% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	87.3% Merlot, 12.7% Cabernet Franc
<b>Appellation</b>	St. Emilion
<b>Classification</b>	Promoted to Grand Cru Classé, in the 2012 classification of Saint-Emilion wine
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.vignoblesgarcin.com/index.php?action=historique&amp;ch=3&amp;lang=en">http://www.vignoblesgarcin.com/index.php?action=historique&amp;ch=3&amp;lang=en</a>
<b>General Info</b>	<p>This property was bought by Sylviane Garcin-Cathiard in September 2000, CHATEAU BARDE-HAUT is a 17-hectare estate located at the extreme east of the village of Saint-Emilion. The vineyard forms a natural amphitheater and is particularly well exposed to the south with views over the Dordogne valley.</p> <p>It is the combination of exceptional soil and the introduction of natural wine producing and winegrowing technologies combining tradition and modernity that have made CHATEAU BARDE-HAUT one of the rising stars of Saint Emilion.</p> <p>Sylviane Garcin-Cathiard also owns Clos L'Eglise in Pomerol, Château Haut-Bergey and Château Branon in Pessac Léognan.</p>
<b>Vintage</b>	2014 was marked by an extraordinary Indian summer that saved the vintage. Fine spring weather was conducive to a good start to the growing season. However, challenging summer conditions seriously slowed down ripening. Fortunately, the month of September was absolutely beautiful, with dry, extremely sunny weather accompanied by highs of close to 30°C. This superb weather, with cool night-time temperatures, enabled the grapes to ripen beautifully, and they were able to be brought into the vat house having reached a perfect level of ripeness.
<b>Vineyards</b>	The soil is very typical of Saint Emilion being mainly composed of clay which is found on a layer of chalk. Grape varieties 85% Merlot / 15% Cabernet Franc [Bouchet]. The average vine age is 35 years.
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	There has been significant investment in renovating the cellar so that all work is completely done by gravity to ensure that the precious grapes of the Château are well respected. The cellar is equipped with wooden vats, stainless steel tanks and concrete vats of 50 to 70 hl. A strict policy of selection to ensure the quality is undertaken and individual steps including pigeage are all carried out by hand. Malolactic fermentation is done in new french oak barrels specially selected from different coopers for the property. The wine is then aged for 18 months in barrels
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	The nose is in line with the terroir with scents of currant, black cherry, and light hints of seaweed. Medium-bodied on the palate, with somewhat delicate tannins and pleasant tension. The 2014 Chateau Barde-Haut finish offers spices and great persistence.
<b>Serve with</b>	Chateau Barde Haut 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>	4,500 cases made
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2018-2028
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>91 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2017</p> <p><b>90-93 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2015</p> <p><b>91 points</b> - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate Interim - March 2017</p> <p><b>91-93 points</b> - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #218 - April 2015</p> <p><b>94 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2017</p> <p><b>95-96 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2016</p> <p><b>15.5 points</b> - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - February 2018</p> <p><b>16.5+ points</b> - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - March 2015</p> <p><b>16.5 (88) points</b> - James Lawther, Decanter.com - April 2015</p> <p><b>90 points</b> - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 18, 2017</p> <p><b>90-92 points</b> - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 27, 2015</p> <p><b>92-94+ points</b> - Jeremy Williams, winewordsandvideotape.com - March 29, 2015</p>



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**14.5 points** - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - June 2016  
**16.5 points** - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - April 2015
- Reviews** *"Solid, with dark currant, fig and blackberry compote flavors that meld with dark tobacco and roasted alder notes. Maintains a fleshy edge through the finish without sacrificing energy. Best from 2018 through 2028. 4,500 cases made."*  
- JM, Wine Spectator
- "Features a slightly extracted feel, with a plum skin note running along the edges of the licorice, steeped cherry and raspberry core. The fruit pushes through in the end, with extra spice and a ganache hint filling in on the finish. Shows solid grip for the vintage. Score range: 90-93"*  
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- "The 2014 Barde-Haut, a blend of 87.3% Merlot and 12.7% Cabernet Franc, has a relatively opulent bouquet compared to its peers with ripe red cherries, kirsch, hints of crème de cassis, and it becomes spicier as it opens in the glass. The palate is smooth on the entry with succulent ripe red and black fruit. This feels harmonious and silky smooth, just a touch of pain grillé on the entry, fine structure, tightening up on the mid-palate with a gentle, insistent grip on the lightly spiced finish where the Cabernet Franc imparts a subtle bell pepper note. This is excellent. (NM)"*  
- NM., Wine Advocate
- "The Château Barde-Haut 2014 is a blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc picked between 28 September until 7 October. Matured in 80% new oak, the nose is not a million miles away from the Cathiard family's Poesia: quite upfront in style with cassis, black cherries with just a slight tang of seaweed. The palate is medium bodied with fine tannins and fine tension. There is good backbone here and a lovely spicy finish that lingers nicely in the mouth. The best wine from Patrice and Hélène Garçin-Léveque this year? Most probably."*  
- NM., Wine Advocate
- "Very aromatic and chalky on the nose with blackberries and blackcurrants. Licorice, too. Full to medium body, savory and chewy tannins, yet this always remains polished with a long and pretty finish. Drink in 2020, but hard not to drink now."*  
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- "Tasted blind. Hint of black cherries on the nose, then pretty drying and sour on the palate. Uncomfortable to taste."*  
- JR, JancisRobinson.com
- "Very dark blackish crimson. Intense mulberry aromas with something distinctly wet stones about it. Definitely playing the mineral not fruit card. Interesting wine with good balance and some subtlety. Oak is kept well in check and a rather intriguing undertow and finish. "*  
- JR, JancisRobinson.com
- "Ripe, jammy, dark fruit notes. Generous fruit on the palate. Tannins fresh and grainy. Firm, persistent finish."*  
- JL, Decanter.com
- "Medium bodied, forward, and displaying a truffle, tobacco, espresso, dark plum characteristic. Soft, and easy drinking, this is a wine to drink while waiting for the 2015 and 2016 to come around."*  
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

**Reviews** *“Espresso and black cherry notes on the nose are followed by a sweet, fresh, lively cocoa, blueberry and plum finish. The wine was produced from a blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc and will be aged in 80% new, French oak barrels.”*

- JL, [thewinecellarinsider.com](http://thewinecellarinsider.com)

*“Deep and saturated colour; tight to the rim; ripe and rich; evidently concentrated; very rich but not jammy; well handled; sexy and nicely done; sweet ripe fruit but still very Bordeaux; this works wonderfully; lush and lavish but not at all overdone; brilliant effort. Best wine of the Grand Cercle tasting. Terrific effort. [90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 17ha]. Drink 2018-2030. Tasted blind Grand Cercle 29 March 2015. 92-94+”*

- JW, [winewordsandvideotape.com](http://winewordsandvideotape.com)

*“The 2014 Barde-Haut initially displayed a slightly muddled nose with redcurrant and cranberry fruit, tobacco and incense aromas following through. Thankfully with aeration it seems to gain more precision and focus. The palate is medium bodied with fine tannin, nicely balanced with firm grip, bold in style but there is fine detail and purity on the finish. Tasted blind at the annual Southwold tasting.”*

- NM, *Vinous*

*“The 2014 Barde-Haut has turned out beautifully. Dark cherry, mocha, spice, leather and tobacco flesh out in the glass. Effortless, supple and nicely layered, the 2014 hits all the right notes. The midweight style of the year comes through very nicely in this classy, polished Saint-Émilion. Proprietor Hélène Garcin and consulting winemaker Alain Raynaud captured all of the vintage's potential. The blend is 90 % Merlot and 10 % Cabernet Franc.”*

- AG, *Vinous*

*“The 2014 Barde-Haut boasts superb richness and overall intensity. Dark spices, crème de cassis, new leather, mint and licorice meld together in a dark, sumptuous St.-Emilion built on pure depth and resonance. Suave, polished tannins convey an overall impression of creaminess. This clay-rich terroir delivers considerable breath. This is a terrific showing from proprietor Hélène Garcin and consulting winemaker Alain Raynaud. The blend is 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc.”*

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