

Château Berliquet 2009

CSPC# 749536

750mlx12

14.5% alc./vol.

SOLD OUT

Grape Variety

73% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation

St Emilion

General Info

The name of Berliquet is one of the oldest Saint-Emilion vineyard, this one is already on the cards Belleyme in 1768. Château Berliquet is located on the Magdelaine plateau, a few hundred meters from the village of Saint-Emilion.

This is one of the oldest estates in the region, and Berliquet is included on the famous map drawn by Belleyme (an engineer working for King Louis XV) in 1768. In 1829, Berliquet was considered one of Saint Emilion's five grands crus. The estate currently belongs to SCEA Château Berliquet, managed by Patrick and Jérôme de Lesquen.

The classification of 1986 allowed the castle Berliquet to find the place it held among the great wines of Saint Emilion. The year 1996 marked a turning point in the life of the castle Berliquet. With the support of Patrick Valette, Patrick De Lesquen and his team do their utmost to establish the reputation of the castle Berliquet.

The castle Berliquet listens to determine the optimum time for harvest. Thus, the castle Berliquet puts all his skills to bring you the best of its soil.

Vineyards

The 9 hectares of vines face south by southwest and border on several Premiers Grands Crus Classés. Château Berliquet is divided into three parts: the plateau (25% of the total area under vine) with clay soil on a limestone subsoil, the slope (50%) with predominantly clay soil, and the pied de côte or "foot of the slope" (25%), with a high percentage of brown clay. Grape varieties consist of Merlot (70%), Cabernet Franc (25%), and Cabernet Sauvignon (5%). The average age of the vines is about 30 years.

Harvest

Hand harvested in small crates

Maturation

Since the takeover by Patrick Valette, winemaking has continued to progress. The length of macerated berries 20 to 30 days, the fermentation is conducted in small tanks under controlled temperature between 28 ° C and 30 ° C, followed by malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels. The wine is in monolithic limestone quarries located in the vineyard for about fifteen months in new barrels and 90%.

Tasting Notes

From the newly released yet already infamous 2009 Bordeaux vintage, comes this luscious Red blend from Bordeaux's St. Emilion appellation. This Merlot-based right-bank beauty marries all the classic Bordeaux elements: a balanced sophistication of dry earthy tannins with rich and reserved layers of cassis and dark fruits; refined and sexy simultaneously. Perfect for cellaring; yet showing very well right now. Open this bottle at home and witness how the flavors evolve and mature over the course of an evening or bring a bottle to your favorite restaurant to savor with a charred steak or short ribs braised in a red wine sauce.

Production

1,665 cases made

Cellaring

Drink 2012-2027

Scores/Awards

91 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2012

93-96 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2010

91 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #199 - February 2012

87-89 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #188- April 2010

91 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - January 2012

91-93 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - May 2010

16.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 20, 2010

87-90 points - Stephen Tanzer, ST's International Wine Cellar - July 2012

14.5 points - Chris Kissack, The Wine Doctor - October 2011

89 points - Jean Marc Quarin - March 2010



Reviews *“This cuts a broad, creamy path, with lush blueberry fig and plum fruit all rolled together, backed by warm cocoa and anise notes. Toasty grip supports the finish, but there's enough exotic fruit here to soak that up, so this should give the hedonist crowd something to enjoy with moderate cellaring. Best from 2013 through 2022. 1,665 cases made.”*

- JM, Wine Spectator

“Offers precision and beauty, with floral, blackberry and violet aromas. Full-bodied, with super silky tannins and a long, balanced finish. Caressing and loving. Then hits you. A new wine from the same team of Larcis-Ducasse. Score range: 93-96”

- JS, Wine Spectator

“The wine displays oodles of strawberry jam intermixed with kirsch, dusty, loamy soil notes, garrigue, spice box and vanillin. It is full-bodied, opulent, very flamboyant and showy, with a hint of chalky minerality to add complexity and precision. It should drink well for up to 15 or more years.

Showing far better than it did from barrel, this wine comes from a beautiful southwest-facing hillside slope near Angelus. With the 2009, Berliquet has turned out one of their best wines in many a year. Yields were only 21.5 hectoliters per hectare, and the wine is a final blend of 73% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon that tipped the scales at 14% natural alcohol under the guidance of Stephane Derenoncourt.”

- RP, Wine Advocate

“Tasted on four separate occasions, many of the Bordeaux intelligentsia were high on the 2009 Berliquet. Consultant Stephane Derenoncourt produced a wine with record levels of alcohol (14.5%), but while I found it to be elegant and well-made, it was not “singing.” Furthermore, it revealed rustic tannin and a somewhat rugged style. It is made from extremely low yields of 19 hectoliters per hectare, with malolactic accomplished in barrel and aging on its lees, a variation on Burgundy’s centuries old traditional practices. The wine exhibits lots of minerality, plenty of berry fruit, and a hint of herbs. While very good to excellent, I do not believe it will ever be outstanding. (Tasted four times.)”

- RP, Wine Advocate

“Tasted at the Union de Grand Cru in London, the Berliquet 2009 is very reticent on the nose with delicate dark cherry and raspberry fruits with a touch of cedar developing. The palate is medium bodied with silky smooth tannins, not a showstopper and perhaps over-powered by its peers. Yet I like the femininity and the understated nature of this wine. Tasted October 2011.”

- NM, Wine Journal

“Tasted at the Saint Emilion UGC, this has a ripe, almost exotic nose that flirts with over-extraction (but only flirts.) The palate is well balanced with layers of sappy black fruit, good acidity and a finesse on the finish that counterpoises its power to the right degree. Harmonious and modern in style, this is a very fine 2009 from the estate. Tasted March 2010.”

- NM, Wine Journal

“Nice grainy fruit on the nose here, concentrated but not over the top, although alongside it there is an unusual note faintly suggestive of freeze-dried coffee. It may be a barrel element, but I wonder if it is related to the very unusual and unappealing bitter streak running through the palate. There is pile of chewy extract here, the wine overly tannic and over-worked. A puckering structure dominates here, the wine taking on a very unusual ghost-like presence as a result, as if sucked dry. And a bitter finish too, with more of those tannins. 14.5/20”

- CK, The Wine Doctor
