
Château Poesia 2018

CSPC# 847777

750mlx12

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc

Appellation

St. Emilion

Classification

Grand Cru Classe

Website

<https://www.chateaubardehaut.com/?page=accueil&l=1&c=2>

General Info

Chateau Poesia was purchased by Helene Garcin and Patrice Leveque in early 2014. The estate was formerly known as Chateau Haut Villet. The name, Chateau Poesia, which is translated into Poet, comes from the family's property in Mendoza Argentina where they produce wine from 13 hectares of old vine, un-grafted Malbec, and Cabernet Sauvignon, planted in 1935.

Helene Garcin continues to expand her vineyards. She also owns several other Right Bank estates including Chateau Barde Haut in Saint Emilion and Clos L'Eglise in Pomerol. Helene Garcin was previously in charge of the families 2 properties in the Pessac Leognan appellation, Haut Bergey and Chateau Branon. Her brother oversees those estates today.

While Patrice Leveque manages the vineyards, Helene Garcin is in charge of the winemaking and marketing for their properties.

Chateau Poesia is located in the eastern portion of Saint Emilion on a well elevated, limestone plateau. The vineyards have good neighbors with Valandraud, Chateau Péby Faugères and Chateau Fleur Cardinale close by.

Winemakers

Helene Garcin

Vintage

2018 Saint Emilion was not an easy vintage for producers. The winter months were easy, but the spring is one of the wettest in history. Depending on where you located in St. Emilion, during the initial 6 months of the year, between 550 mm to 600 mm (21"-24") of rain soaked your soils. This is more than the normal amount of rain the region experiences in a year!

From there growers fended off violent attacks of mildew, which struck fast and furious. 2018 Saint Emilion was saved by the hottest, driest, sunniest vintage conditions since 2003. Barely any rain fell from July to harvest.

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Vineyards

The 9.7-hectare Right Bank vineyard of Chateau Poesia is planted to 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyard is well situated on a high plateau. Their terroir is clay and limestone soils.

While their Right Bank estate has a total of 13.2 cultivated hectares. There are 9.7 hectares of vines located in St. Emilion and 4.5 hectares situated in Cotes de Castillon. The vines are average close to 30 years of age. However, there are old vines. In fact, some of the vines are more than 70 years of age!

The vineyard of Chateau Poesia is planted to a vine density of 6,500 vines per hectare. Future plantings are being done at about 7,200 vines per hectare. One of the first things Helene Garcin did after buying the estate was to remove more than 7 hectares of vines. The land will remain fallow for at least 5 years before being replanted. All vineyard work is done using only sustainable vineyard farming techniques.

Harvest

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Vinification/	<p>Chateau Poesia made its debut with the difficult 2013 vintage. The yields for the first vintage were incredibly low at close to 8 hectoliters per hectare. After the purchase a complete renovation of the property took place, first in the vineyard, followed by the cellars and chateau.</p> <p>To produce the wine of Chateau Poesia the wine is vinified in stainless steel, temperature-controlled tanks. The initial vintage was also partially vinified in wood tanks.</p> <p>Starting with the 2014 vintage, that is no longer the case as all vintages of Chateau Poesia are now only fermented in small, stainless steel tanks that range in size from 25 hectoliters to 55 hectoliters.</p>
Maturation	Ageing in 80% new French oak barrels for 18-24 months.
Tasting Notes	<p>Product of a very beautiful vintage for Bordeaux, the Poesia 2018 reflects the greatness of the terroir of Saint-Emilion. At the tasting, the vintage displays a dark purple color. The intense nose opens on notes of small black fruits, evolving mocha, spices, and licorice. The nose is punctuated by delicate floral notes with fragrances of dried rose and violet. The gourmet palate has a very generous texture that delivers delicious fruity notes. Concentrated and powerful, the palate shows a strong structure with fine tannins. Balanced by a great freshness, the end of the palate is very long. A magnificent vintage from Poesia that will evolve gracefully in the years to come.</p>
Serve with	Chateau Poesia is best paired with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes. Chateau Poesia is also good when matched with Asian dishes, rich fish courses like tuna, mushrooms, and pasta.
Production	2,916 cases made
Cellaring	Drink now- 2030
Scores/Awards	<p>91 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - January 2021</p> <p>93-96 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - June 2019</p> <p>94 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - March 2021</p> <p>94-96 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - April 2019</p> <p>95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2021</p> <p>95-96 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2019</p> <p>95 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2021</p> <p>94-96 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2019</p> <p>91-94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2019</p> <p>94 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - March 2021</p> <p>94-96 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - May 2019</p> <p>15 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - June 2019</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"Ripe and forward, with plum and cherry preserve flavors laced with a licorice streak and backed by light tobacco and chalky mineral hints on the finish. Nicely done. Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2030. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 2,916 cases made."</i></p> <p>- JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Vibrant, featuring racy raspberry and cassis notes, flecked with violet and mineral accents. Long and very pure. Don't sleep on this one. Merlot and Cabernet Franc. 2,916 cases made."</i></p> <p>- JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Composed of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc, the 2018 Poesia has a medium to deep garnet-purple color, exploding from the glass with bombastic notes of chocolate-covered cherries, mulberries and blueberry pie, plus hints of pencil shavings, kirsch, garrigue and Chinese five spice. The medium to full-bodied palate is beautifully balanced, featuring bags of bright, perfumed black fruit and cheery red berry sparks, supported by plush tannins, finishing long and mineral laced."</i></p> <p>- LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"This is a final blend composed of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc, with the Merlot harvested October 3-8 and the Cabernet Franc harvested on October 9. Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2018 Poesia opens with notes of baked black cherries, mocha, spice cake, redcurrant jelly and black raspberries with nuances of dried roses,</i></p>

Reviews *aniseed, candied violets and Christmas cake plus a waft of molten licorice. Full-bodied, rich and packed with red and black fruit layers, it has a solid structure of firm, finely grained tannins and compelling freshness, finishing very long and layered."*

- LPB, Wine Advocate

"Very pretty blue fruit and black cherries, as well as chalk and stone. Medium to full body with fine, polished tannins and a long finish. Compact, fine texture. Drink in 2025 and onwards."

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"This is a fantastic wine from this estate with so much blackberry, blueberry and mineral character. Full-bodied and extremely polished. The texture and finesse are great, but then it takes off. Greatest ever"

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Inky in color, the wine is deep, rich, lusciously textured and packs ample amounts of silky, opulent, fresh, ripe, red fruits, anise, coffee bean, smoke and cocoa. Long and with great intensity, this is hitting all the right notes. Give it a few years in the cellar and it promises to be even better."

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"Inky in color, the wine is loaded with dark, sweet, plush, rich, fruits, licorice, smoke and chocolate. There is depth and harmony here. The fruit shows purity, freshness, length and volume with velvety textures."

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"Poesia is terrific in 2018. An exotic mélange of dark red cherry, plum, spice, leather and cedar envelops the palate. A wine of density, power, and textural resonance, the 2018 is shaping up to be one of the under the radar gems of the vintage. Quite frankly, I am blown away by the wine's balance at this admittedly very early stage. The 2018 might be the best Poesia yet. The blend is 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc."

- AG, Vinous

"A wine that always seems to deliver, the 2018 Château Poesia emerges from the Garcin-Lévêque family and is 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc. Rocking levels of black raspberries, blackberries, mulled currants, loamy soil, and graphite all emerge from this beauty, which is medium to full-bodied and has an elegant yet concentrated mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and a great finish. It's already hard to resist, yet its classic Saint-Emilion minerality (which gives it a terrific sense of freshness) as well as ripe yet present tannin's all point toward a solid two decades or more of prime drinking."

- JD, JebDunnuk.com

"More red fruits emerge from the 2018 Poesia, which has beautiful limestone character in its black raspberry and cassis fruit, graphite, and spring flower aromas and flavors. Medium to full-bodied, incredibly elegant, yet also powerful and concentrated, it's going to evolve positively for 4-5 years and keep for two decades or more."

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