

Château Poesia 2021

CSPC# 102890

750mlx12

13.5% 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>

Sustainability

Organic and sustainable

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. Thomas Duclos technical director.

Vintage

If 2021 was drier than previous years, two intense climatic episodes impacted the vintage. The first one is the April frost which mobilized our teams for 9 nights. The second is linked to the strong episodes of rain in June, with nearly 180 mm of precipitation. The trio August / September / October was accompanied by low rainfall, allowing to harvest in optimal conditions and preserving the qualitative potential of the vintage.

Vineyards

The 9.7-hectare Right Bank vineyard of Chateau Poesia is planted with 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

Hand-picked. Harvesting took place October 6-October 9.

Vinification/

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.

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.

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.

Maturation

Ageing in 80% new French oak barrels for 18-24 months.

Tasting Notes

Far from decorum and worldliness, a sincere wine that speaks of the soul of the vintage and not of its reflection. In Poesia, only the truth of the terroir makes its mark: The mark of the great wines of Saint-Émilion.

Serve with

The Château Poesia 2020 fits fabulously into the world of flavors of Saint-Émilion. It goes well with hearty dishes with fish, pasta, and grilled vegetables. It accompanies all meat dishes, from braised wild boar to hearty roast



Serve with	beef to fine duck breast, with its fruity, balanced aromas. The liveliness and freshness, paired with the rich tannins, also make it a true artist in the wine glass on its own. Wine connoisseurs are looking forward to the Château Poesia 2020.
Production	Approx. 3,000 cases made
Cellaring	Drink 2024- 2040
Scores/Awards	<p>90-92 points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022</p> <p>91-93 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - May 2022</p> <p>92-93 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2022</p> <p>93 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2024</p> <p>92-94 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2022</p> <p>92-94 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - May 2022</p> <p>91-93 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - May 2022</p> <p>90-92 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2022</p> <p>92 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - April 2022</p> <p>91-92 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - May 2022</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"The 2021 Poesia unwinds in the class with aromas of rich berries, cassis, and creamy new oak. Medium to full-bodied, bright, and tightly wound, with powdery tannins and a taut, mineral profile, it reflects the thin soils and late-ripening conditions of this sector—as well as a blend that includes fully 30% Cabernet Franc. Expect it to flesh out and unwind with further élevage.</i></p> <p><i>The Garçin-Léveque family's Poesia is located in Saint-Étienne-de-Lisse near Valandraud and above Mangot, where the soils are thin clay over limestone and a cool meso-climate makes for late ripening. Planted with some 30% Cabernet Franc and the balance Merlot, this site naturally delivers a low pH, tightly wound style of wine."</i></p> <p>- WK, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"The 2021 Poesia is composed of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc, aged in 50-60% new oak. Deep garnet-purple colored, it slowly emerges from the glass with pronounced notes of warm plums, blackberry pie, and garrigue, leading to hints of mossy tree bark, crushed rocks, and wild sage. Medium-bodied, the palate has a solid frame of grainy tannins and well-integrated acidity, supporting the tight-knit black fruits, finishing on a lingering mineral note."</i></p> <p>- LPB, Wine Independent</p> <p><i>"A bright and beautiful wine with flowers, blackcurrants, violets, and hints of citrus. Medium body and fine tannins. Racy and pretty. 70% merlot and 30% cabernet franc."</i></p> <p>- JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"Fresh, bright, red, and dark red berries with floral, and mint accents are already on display in the perfume. On the palate, the wine is medium-bodied, with a savory edge to the fresh, vibrant red fruits. The wine is made from a blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc. Drink from 2024-2040."</i></p> <p>- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com</p> <p><i>"With good richness in color, you find chocolate, black cherry, mint leaf, crushed rock, and flowers in the nose. Earthy, soft, lush, and polished, there is a nice finesse along with fruit and freshness in the finish. The wine is made from a blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc. Harvesting took place October 6-October 9. Drink from 2024-2039."</i></p> <p>- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com</p> <p><i>"The 2021 Poesia is a blend of all the parcels this year because the quality was so uniform, harvested over three days, October 7–9. It has a touch more fruit concentration than the Barde-Haut, featuring dark berries, crushed stone, and a touch of melted tar. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy black fruit, a slightly granular texture, gentle grip and hints of brown spices and white pepper toward the finish. Give this Poesia three to four years in bottle."</i></p> <p>- NM, Vinous</p> <p><i>"The 2021 Poesia is a firm, closed Saint-Émilien endowed with quite a bit of energy and sheer power. Dark fruit and brooding shades of gravel, spice, menthol, and licorice give Poesia its distinctive personality. The tannins are a bit imposing at this stage. Élevage will be crucial here."</i></p> <p>- AG, Vinous</p>

Reviews *“An estate that continues to produce brilliant wines in every vintage, the 2021 Château Poesia offers a terrific perfume of black cherries, raspberries, and spring flowers, with a beautiful sense of chalky minerality on the palate. Medium-bodied and very much in the style of the vintage, it has wonderful balance, supple, ripe tannins, good freshness, and a great finish. It's going to drink nicely right out of the gate yet have 15 years of prime drinking as well.”*
- Jeb Dunnuck
