

CHÂTEAU DE BARBE BLANCHE



Château de Barbe Blanche Red 2023

AOC Lussac Saint-Émilion, Bordeaux, France

PRESENTATION

At Château de Barbe Blanche, the word "terroir" takes on its full meaning. Situated in the heart of the Lussac Saint-Émilion appellation, the vineyard is planted on a plateau of asteriated limestone, typical of the Saint-Émilion region. This rock provides ideal conditions and contributes to the high quality of its wines. The wine is full-bodied on the mid-palate, with a mellow tannic structure, roundness and hints of lightly toasted fruit. It is a fine, elegant wine with good ageing potential.?

THE VINTAGE

WEATHER CONDITIONS

2023 was marked by a uniform start to vegetation: bud-break dates returned to normal, foliage developed rapidly and the bunches emerged beautifully. Heavy rainfall in the spring tarnished the start of the season somewhat, with mildew appearing in places. There was no hot summer in 2023, but relatively cool nights and warm but not excessively hot days in July and August created ideal ripening conditions for the grapes, which produced remarkable aromatic potential.

HARVEST

13 September - 25 September 2023.

THE WINE

VARIETALS

Merlot 72%, Cabernet franc 28%

ALCOHOL CONTENT

15 % vol.

TASTING

The beautiful deep purple colour immediately catches the eye.

The nose seduces with its intensity and aromatic richness, harmoniously blending ripe black fruits, liquorice and subtle vanilla notes.

On the palate, the attack is structured and full of depth. The mid-palate is full-bodied and velvety, offering generosity, while the tannins are mellow and harmonious, leading to a long and balanced finish. A seductive and balanced wine that combines aromatic intensity with drinking pleasure.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Lamb rack with herb crust, Bordeaux-style rib steak, risotto with porcini mushrooms and Parmesan shavings, mature hard cheeses.

SERVING

Serve between 15°C and 17°C

AGEING POTENTIAL

5 to 10 years



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THE VINEYARD

TERROIR

On a clay-limestone shelf with about 1 meter of clay on the surface. At the foot of the hills, clay-siliceous soil with light sand.

SURFACE AREA OF THE VINEYARD

28 ha

AGE OF VINES

32 years old

IN THE VINEYARD

Pruning type: Double Guyot

Grape Harvest: Machine harvest with sorting and selection at the winery.

THE CELLAR

WINEMAKING

In stainless-steel temperature-controlled tanks. Approximately 3 weeks (subject to vintage and ripeness of tannins).

AGEING

For 12 months in oak barrels (50% new) with racking each trimester.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

Decanter

"Part of Top value Bordeaux 2023 wines tasted en primeur. Drinking window: 2026 - 2036. A great wine that falls into a superb price/quality ratio category with sweet red berry fruit introducing slate minerality on the palate, coming from excellent limestone soils that work so well for Merlot. A savoury wine that even shows off a creamy mid palate. (En Primeur tasting)"
Panos Kakaviatos, Decanter, 30/05/2024

92/100



"En Primeur tasting"
Bernard Burtschy, 14/05/2024

92-93/100



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