

CHÂTEAU DE BARBE BLANCHE



Château de Barbe Blanche Red 2016

AOC Lussac-Saint-Emilion, 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

2016 was one of the finest vintages in the past 20 years. Winter was exceptionally wet and mild, and it rained a great deal in spring until June. However, the weather changed radically in mid-June, turning warm and quite dry, with cool nights. Ideal conditions for growing excellent wine grapes!

HARVEST

10/07/2016

THE WINE

VARIETALS

Merlot 80%, Cabernet franc 20%

ALCOHOL CONTENT

13.5 % vol.

TASTING

Brilliant, very dark ruby red colour with beautiful purplish highlights.

Powerful, rich and spicy bouquet of very ripe red and black fruit (cherry, blackcurrant), as well as a touch of vanilla.

The wine starts out very round on the palate. It is full-bodied, rich, powerful, and in no way heavy. The tannin is quite smooth. The freshness and spiciness of the nose come through in the flavour.

FOOD PAIRINGS

The wine is altogether beautifully balanced and elegant. Ideal with duck or lamb.

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

69.18 ac

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

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"The top 10 wines of 2021 : It's a perennial question for anyone closely involved in wine - what can you recommend from Bordeaux that's fine and affordable? So it was a relief to have unearthed this in this year's Autumn Tasting to answer that question for 2021 at least. It's a £.20 Merlot-dominant Right Bank drop from satellite Bordeaux appellation Lussac-Saint-Emillon, and it showcases both the quality of the outstanding 2016 vintage and the winemaking skills of André Lurton - who acquired this estate, called Château de Barbe Blanche, in 2000. Unmistakably Bordeaux, there are notes of cedar and cigar box, even a touch of graphite, and then layers of ripe berry fruit, from blackberry to red cherry, before the wine finishes with a dense wall of dry tannin - which are a little firm, but will no doubt feel softer when tasted with the fatty food at this time of year."

Patrick Schmitt, The Drinks Business, 21/12/2021

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"A little reserved and lean at this early stage, but there's clean and linear fruit and good tannin balance to this young red."

James Suckling, 27/03/2017

90-91/100



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